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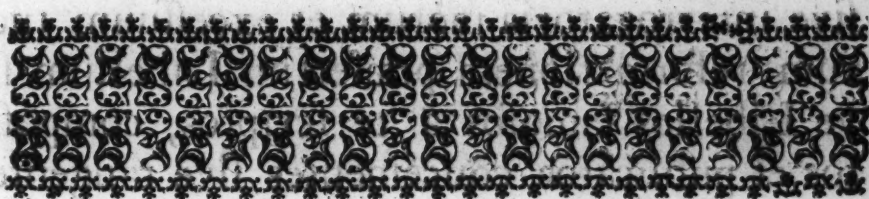
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# Original Letters.



*The Libel issu'd out of the Chancellor's Court of the University of Oxford against Mr. Anthony à Wood, M. A. formerly of Merton-College in that University, by the Right Honourable Henry Hyde, late Earl of Clarendon, with Mr. Wood's Answer, and the Sentence given after the Tryal, begun March 3. 169<sup>2</sup>. finish'd July 29. 1693. taken from the Originals in that Court.*

**I**N Dei Nomine, Amen. Nos *Henricus Aldridge*, S. T. P. Vice-Cancellarius Universitatis Oxon legitime constitutus tibi *Antonio à Wood* Universitatis prædictæ in Artibus Magistro, omnia et singula subscripta



scripta et subsequencia, articulos, capitula, siue interrogatoria morum et excessuum tuorum reformationem præsertim Libellum siue Libellos famosos a te scriptos, compositos et publicatos concementes siue tangentes ex officio nostro ad promotionem Honoratissimi Viri et Domini *Henrici* Comitis de *Clarendon*, damus, objicimus, ministramus et articulamus planum, plenum et fidele responsum in scriptis in quantum de jure teneris respondere, dari et fieri requirentes. Et objicimus et articulamus conjunctim et divisim et de quolibet prout sequitur.

## I.

Imprimis tibi præfato *Antonio à Wood* objicimus et articulamus quod omnes et singuli, qui aliquid scripto composuerunt, aut quoquo modo in vulgo sparserunt & disseminaverunt, aut publicaverunt, unde viri alicujus (præsertim Magistratûs) siue vivi, siue mortui existimatio & fama lædi possit, sunt de jure communi debite corrigendi et puniendi, et speciatim ex Statuto hujus Universitatis, Tit. *De Moribus conformandis, de famosis Libellis cobibendis*. Omnes & singuli Libellos famosos, siue componentes, siue disseminantes & publicantes sunt, tanquam *Pacis perturbatores banniendi*. Et objicimus & articulamus ut supra, &c.

## II. Tibi

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Tibi objicimus & articulamur, quod mensibus Martii, Aprilis, Maii, Junii, Julii, Augusti, Septembris, Octobris, Novembris, Decembris, Januarii, Februarii, Annorum Domini 1690, 1691. Mensibusque Martii, Aprilis, Maii, Junii, Julii, Augusti, Septembris, Octobris, & Novembris, Anni instantis 1692. Eorumve mensium, & annorum pluribus uno sive aliquo tu librum quendam pretensum, cui titulus pretenusus, *Athenæ Oxonienses, an exact History of all the Writers and Bishops, who have had their Education in the most ancient and famous University of Oxford, from the 15th Year of King Henry VII, Anno Domini 1500, to the End of the Year 1690, representing the Birth, Fortune, Preferment, and Deaths of all these Authors and Prelates, the great Accidents of their Lives, and the Fate and Characters of their Lives : To which are added the Fasti or Annals of the said University for the same Time. The second Volume.* Revera autem Libellum famosum seu potius Libellos famosos, seu potius Libellos famosos interius deductos in se continentem, charitate semota, ex odii fomite, intra præcincta Universitatis prædictæ malitiose scriptos composuisti & scripsisti, seu saltem scribi, ac deinceps Typis mandari & imprimi mandasti & curasti, & fecisti; aut Bibliopolæ aut Bibliopolis quibusdam

quibusdam vendidisti, aut cum iisdem ut imprimerentur, contraxisti, copiasque dicti pre-  
tensi Libri sic impressi, ac Libellos sive Li-  
bellum famosum in se continent. intra præ-  
cincta Universitatis prædictæ, & loca vicina,  
& late circum vicinia ejusdem sparsisti, dis-  
seminavisti & publicasti, saltem spargi, dis-  
seminari, & publicari fecisti & procurasti ;  
quarum Copiarum una præsentibus annexa  
est, (eamque & omnes, & singulas senten-  
tias & clausulas ejusdem, prout hic exhibitis,  
insertis, lectis, & repetitis pars promovens  
habet et haberi petit, quatenus ex parte sua,  
et officii in ea parte nostri faciant, et non  
aliter neque alio modo.) Et objicimus et arti-  
culamur, &c. ut supra.

## III.

Item, magis speciatim tibi objicimus &  
articulamur, quod infra tempus in proximo  
præcedenti articulo mentionatum, et inter  
alia in dicto Libro, sic, ut præmittitur, com-  
posito, scripto, impresso et publicato, con-  
tenta, charitate semota, et ex odii fomite  
(intra Universitatem *Oxoniensem* prædictam,  
et loca vicina, ac circum vicinia ejusdem ma-  
litiose scripto composuisti, scripsisti, seu  
saltem scribi, ac deinceps Typis mandari et  
imprimi mandasti, procurasti ac fecisti ; aut  
Bibliopolæ aut Bibliopolis quibusdam ven-  
didisti, aut cum iisdem ut imprimerentur  
contraxisti, impressaque intra præcincta Uni-  
versitatis



versitatis prædictæ sparsisti, disseminasti et  
 publicari fecisti et procuravisti (unde Hono-  
 ratissimi Viri ac Domini *Edvardi Hyde* Mi-  
 litis, nuper Comitis de *Clarendon*, Regni  
*Angliæ* Domini Cancellarii, nec non Can-  
 cellarii hujus Universitatis, et Patris natu-  
 ralis et legitimi partis hujus promoventis de-  
 functi existimatio et fama lædi possit) Li-  
 bellum famosum, sive verba hæc *Anglicana*  
 sequentia, viz. *After the Restauration of*  
*King Charles II, it was expected by all,*  
*that he* (quendam *Davidem Jenkins*, unum  
 e Judicibus Regis in partibus *Walliæ* austra-  
 libus virum meritissimum innuendo) *should*  
*be made one of the Judges in Westminster-*  
*Hall; and so he* (eundem *Davidem* innu-  
 endo) *might have been, would he have given*  
*Money to the then Lord Chancellor,* (præfa-  
 tum Honoratissimum Virum ac Dominum  
*Edvardum Hyde* Militem, nuper Comitem  
 de *Clarendon*, Regniq[ue] *Angliæ* Dominum  
 Cancellarium, necnon Cancellarium hujus  
 Universitatis, Patremque naturalem ac legi-  
 timum partis hujus promoventis defunctum  
 innuendo.) *But our Author* (præfatum *Da-*  
*videm* innuendo) *scorning such an Act, after*  
*all his Sufferings he retired to his Estate in*  
*Glamorganshire.* Prout in dictæ Copiæ hic  
 exhibitæ Columnis 220. et 227. continentur;  
 aut iis similia in effectu (quam quidem Co-  
 piam, et omnes et singulas Sententias et  
 Clausulas

Clausulas ejusdem pro hic exhibitis, insertis, lectis et repetitis, pars promovens habet et haberi petit, quatenus pro parte sua, et officii in ea parte nostri faciunt, et non aliter neque alio modo.) Et objicimus et articulamur, &c. ut supra.

## IV.

Item magis speciatim tibi objicimus & articulamur, quod intra tempus & loca superius, in secundo Articulo mentionata in dicto prætenso libro, sicut præmittitur, composito, scripto, impresso, & publicato; ex odii fomite, charitate semota, malitiose scripta composuisti, scripsisti, seu saltem scribi, ac deinceps Typis mandati, & imprimis mandavisti, procuravisti, & fecisti, aut Bibliopolæ aut Bibliopolis quibusdam vendidisti, aut saltem cum iisdem, ut imprimerentur, contraxisti, impressaque sparsisti, disseminavisti, & publicavisti; seu saltem spargi, disseminari, et publicari fecisti, & procuraisti (unde etiam præfati Honoratissimi Viri ac Domini *Edvardi Hyde* Militis, nuperi Comitibus *de Clarendon*, Regni *Angliæ* Domini Cancellarii, necnon hujus Universitatis Cancellarii, & patris naturalis, & legitimi partis hujus promoventis defuncti existimatio & fama lædi possit) Libellum famosum, sive verba hæc *Anglicana* sequentia, aut iis similia in effectu, viz. *After the Restoration of K. Charles the Second, he* (quendam *Johannem Glynn* hominem,

minem, ut tibi placet, in idoneum innuendo) *was made his* (innuendo Regis) *eldest Serjeant at Law, by the corrupt Dealing of the then Lord Chancellor* (præfatum Honoratissimum Virum ac Dominum *Edvardum Hyde* Militem, nuper Comitem *de Clarendon*, Regni *Angliæ* Dominum Cancellarium, nec non Cancellarium hujus Universitatis, Patremque naturalem & legitimum hujus partis promoventis defuncti innuendo) prout in Copiæ prædictæ exhibitæ columna 269. continentur, (quam quidem Copiam, & omnes & singulas sententias & clausulas ejusdem pro hic lectis & insertis pars promovens habet & haberi petit, quatenus pro parte sua & officii in hac parte nostri faciunt, & non aliter neque alio modo) & objicimus & articulamur, &c. ut supra.

## V.

Item tibi objicimus et articulamur de quibuscumque aliis verbis, sententiis et clausulis in et per totum dictum librum tuum præsentem, cujus copia hic, ut permittitur, exhibita est, sparsis et contentis, ad existimationis sive famæ præfati Honoratissimi Viri *Edvardi Hyde* Militis, nuper Comitis *de Clarendon*, læsionem sive diminutionem quo modo libet sonantibus, (Quam quidem copiam et omnes et singulas sententias et clausulas ejusdem pro hic lectis et insertis, pars promovens habet et haberi petit; quatenus pro parte sua et officii in hac parte nostri faciunt, et non aliter



neque alio modo) et objicimus et articulamur, &c. ut supra.

## VI.

Item tibi objicimus et articulamur, quod tempus Reditus five Restaurationis *Caroli Secundi* Regis erat Mense *Maii*, Anno Domini 1660. hocque fuit et est notorium, publicum & manifestum. Et objicimus & articulamur, &c. ut supra.

## VII.

Item tibi objicimus & articulamur, quod præfatus *David Jenkins*, mense *Decembris*, Anno Domini 1663, & præfatus *Johannes Glynn*, Mense *Novembris*, Anno Domini 1660, ex hac vita decesserunt. Hæcque fuisse & esse vera tu præfatus *Antonius a Wood* novisti & noscis, intelligisti & intelligis, prout Columnis 222 & 270. dicti libri tui prætensi, cujus Copia hic, ut præmittitur, exhibita est, (quam quidem Copiam & omnes & singulas sententias & clausulas ejusdem pro hic lectis & insertis pars promovens habet & haberi petit, quatenus pro parte sua & officii in hac parte nostri faciunt, & non aliter neque alio modo) liquet & apparet. Et objicimus & articulamur, &c. ut supra.

## VIII.

Item tibi objicimus et articulamur, quod præfatus Honoratissimus Vir *Edvardus Hyde* Miles, et Comes *de Clarendon*, erat Dominus Cancellarius *Angliæ* unicus, et ex Consiliariis

Mr. Anthony a Wood. xi

filiariis Regiis unus, toto, ac omni tempore, a tempore Reditus five Restaurationis *Caroli Secundi* Regis prædicti, necnon Cancellarius hujus Universitatis, a Mense *Junii*, seu saltem *Novembris*, Anno Domini, 1660. usque ad Annum Domini, 1667. Hæcque fuerunt & sunt vera, notoria, publica, ac pariter manifesta. Et objicimus et articulamur, &c. ut supra.

IX.

Item tibi *Antonio a Wood* objicimus et articulamur, quod es in Artibus Magister, et persona privilegiata hujus Universitatis *Oxonienfis*, et tam ejus intuitu, quam ratione criminum superius deductorum intra præcincta dictæ Universitatis ut permittitur, Commissorum Jurisdictioni hujus Curiae in hac causa subditus et subjectus. Et objicimus et articulamur, &c. ut supra.

X.

Item tibi objicimus et articulamur, quod omnia et singula præmissa fuerunt, et sunt vera, publica, notoria, pariter et manifesta, deque omnibus et quolibet eorum laboravit et laborat in præsentī publica vox et fama. Et objicimus et articulamur, &c. ut supra.

Unde facta fide, &c.

Conclusio, pag. 130. *Julii*. CLAR.

Officium Domini promotum per Honoratissimum Dominum *Henricum Comitem de*

Clarendon, contra Antonium a Wood Universitatis Oxoniensis, ob Libellum sive Libellos famosos ab eo scriptos, compositos et publicatos. Martii 3, 169<sup>2</sup><sub>3</sub>.

*Quo die Wood & Cook, nomine Procuratorio, ac ut Procuratores legitimi dicti Antonii a Wood, omnibus melioribus via modo, & Juris forma, &c. necnon ad omnem & quemcunque Juris effectum exinde quovis modo sequivalentem, allegant, & in his Scriptis in Jure proponunt, conjunctim, divisim, articulatim, prout sequitur, viz.*



*Imprimis!*





**I**MPRIMIS. This Party proponent doth alledge that in the 14th Year of King *Charles* the second, there was and is at present now in Force an Act of Parliament, entituled, *An Act for preventing the frequent Abuses in Printing seditious, treasonable and unlicens'd Books and Pamphlets, and for regulating Printing and Printing-Presses.* In which Statute, or Act of Parliament, amongst other Things, it was, and is enacted, That no private Person or Persons whatsoever shall at any Time Print, or cause to be Printed, any Book whatsoever, unless the same Book, together with all Things and Matters thereunto annexed, be first entered in the Book of the Register of the Company of *Stationers* of *London*: And unless the same Book or Pamphlet, and also all Matters and Things thereunto annexed, and therewith to be imprinted, shall be first lawfully Licensed and Authorized to be Printed by such Person and Persons only, as are constituted and appointed to License the same, according to the Direction and the  
Meaning

Meaning of the said Act. *Quod quidem Statutum pars proponens hic invocat, & pro hic lectis & insertis habet & haberi petit, & vult, quatenus fecit pro parte sua & non aliter, &c. Et ponit ut supra.*

## II.

*Item.* That the Book, entituled *Athenæ Oxonienses*, Volume II, exhibited by the Party promovent in this Cause, the 17th Day of November 1692, with the Preface and Table, and other Matters and Things thereunto annexed, was first entered in the Book of the Register of the Company of Stationers of London, according to the above-said Act of Parliament; and that the above-said Book, together with all Matters and Things thereunto annexed, was lawfully licensed and authorized to be printed by one or both of the principal Secretaries of State, or by their, or one of their Appointments, according to the abovesaid Act of Parliament. *Quod quidem Statutum pars proponens hic invocat, & pro hic lecto & inserto habet & haberi petit quatenus, &c. Et ponit ut supra.*

## III.

*Item.* More particularly, that one Mr. *Frazer* was appointed and constituted Supervisor or Licenser of all Books of profane History, by one, or both of the principal Secretaries of State in the Years 1690, 1691, and

and 1692, (*ponit tamen pars proponens de aliquo alio annorum numero, pluribus sive uno*) and was in the Time aforesaid generally so reputed and taken; and that the said Mr. *Frazer*, so constituted and appointed as aforesaid, supervised and licensed the Printing of the aforesaid Book, entituled *Athenæ Oxonienses*, Volume II, exhibited by the Party promovent in this Cause, the 18th of *November* 1692; and that if there is, or are any Passages in the aforesaid Book contrary to good Manners, the Government, or Governors of the Church and State, or reflecting upon any Person or Persons, the aforesaid Licenser, or the principal Secretary of State, by whose Appointment the said Licenser did act, was, and is only answerable for them, as by the Meaning and Intent of the aforesaid Act of Parliament, does, and may more fully appear. *Ad quod quidem Statutum pars proponens se refert, &c. Et ponit ut supra.*

## IV.

*Item.* This Proponent doth farther allege, that the aforesaid Book, entituled *Athenæ Oxonienses*, Volume II, exhibited in this Cause into the Court the 18th of *November* 1692, by the Party promovent in this Cause, was, and is printed for Mr. *Thomas Bennet*, Book-seller in *London*, and published in *London*, and within the University



versity of *Oxford*, by the said Mr. *Thomas Bennet*, Book-seller in *London*, and was received publickly by most or some of the Book-sellers of the University of *Oxford* aforesaid from the said Mr. *Bennet* only. And, by Virtue of the said Publication only, the said Book has been since the said Publication, and is now at present, publickly to be sold, and permitted to be publickly sold in the said Book-sellers Shops, and from them the said Book-sellers, to be dispers'd amongst the Scholars and Students of the said University, without the Consent or Order of Mr. *Anthony a Wood* above-mention'd. *Et ponit ut supra.*

## V.

*Item.* That before the Printing and Publication in Print of the aforesaid Book, entituled *Athenæ Oxonienses*, Volume II, exhibited into this Court by the Party promotive in this Cause. The aforesaid Mr. *Thomas Bennet* of *London*, Book-seller, had the Original Papers of the Author in Writing in his Custody, or in the Custody of some others by his Order, by the Space of two Years immediately before the printing of the aforesaid Book, entituled *Athenæ Oxonienses*, Volume II, and exhibited as aforesaid, (*ponit tamen pars proponens de quolibet alio temporis spatio, &c.* *Et ponit ut supra.*

VI. *Item.*

## VI.

*Item.* That the aforesaid Mr. *Thomas Bennet*, or some others, by his Order and Consent, during the Time in the precedent Article deduced, altered the abovesaid original Papers of the pretended Author, by blotting out several Passages and Lines in the said original Papers, by inserting many new Characters of Persons, many Pages and Lines different from the original Papers, and that these Alterations are printed without the Consent or Knowledge of Mr. *Anthony Wood* aforesaid. *Et ponit ut supra.*

## VII.

*Item.* That *James Harrington* of the Inner Temple of London, Esq; inserted the Introduction to the Book, entituled, *Athenæ Oxonienses*, Volume II. and exhibited as aforesaid, and also had the original Papers of the pretended Author of the aforesaid Book in his Custody, and altered the aforesaid Original Papers, by inserting many Characters, Pages, Lines and Sentences, and that the said Alterations were, and are printed in the Book, entituled, *Athenæ Oxonienses*, Volume II, exhibited as aforesaid, without the Knowledge and Consent of Mr. *Anthony Wood* above-mention'd. *Et ponit ut supra.*

## VIII.

*Item.* That Mr. *Frazer* above-mention'd had the original Papers of the pretended Author of the Book, entituled, *Athenæ Oxonienses*, Volume II, exhibited as aforesaid, in his Custody and Keeping, and altered the aforesaid original Papers, inserting many new Characters, Pages, Lines, and Sentences; and that the said Alterations were and are printed in the aforesaid Book, entituled, *Athenæ Oxonienses*, Volume II, without the Knowledge and Consent of Mr. *Anthony Wood* above-mention'd. *Et ponit ut supra.*

## IX.

*Item.* That the most Reverend Father in in God *John* now (a) Lord Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury* had the original Papers, or some of the original Papers, of the pretended Author of the Book, entituled, *Athenæ Oxonienses*, Volume II, exhibited as aforesaid in his Custody and Keeping, and altered the aforesaid original Papers, inserting many Pages, Lines, or Sentences; and that the said Alterations were and are printed in the aforesaid Book, entituled, *Athenæ Oxonienses*, Volume II, without the Knowledge or Consent of Mr. *Wood* aforesaid. *Et ponit ut supra.*

X. *Item.*

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(a) Archbishop Tillotson.



## X.

*Item.* That the Right Honourable Henry Earl of *Clarendon*, the Party promovent in this Cause, had the original Papers, or some of the original Papers, of the pretended Author of the Book, entituled, *Athenæ Oxonienses*, Volume II, exhibited as aforesaid in his Custody and Keeping, and altered the aforesaid original Papers, by inserting and razing out many Lines, Sentences, and Words, relating to the Character or Characters of *Edward* late Earl of *Clarendon*, without the Knowledge or Consent of Mr. *Wood* aforesaid. *Et ponit ut supra.*

## XI.

*Item.* That the Clauses and Sentences mentioned in the third and fourth Articles of the Articles exhibited in this Cause, (*ad quos quidem Articulos pars se refert, &c.*) and pretending to be reflecting and libellous upon *Edward* late Earl of *Clarendon*, were and are inserted by some one of the Persons above-mentioned, or by the Printer or Printers of the said Book, without the Knowledge and Consent of the said Mr. *Anthony Wood*. *Et ponit ut supra.*

## XII.

*Item.* That during the Time of printing the said Book, entituled, *Athenæ Oxonienses*, Volume II, exhibited as aforesaid, the Author of the aforesaid Book was absent and

distant several Miles from the Printing-Press all the Time <sup>tho</sup> said Book was printing, *Prout ex Clausula circa Principium dicti Libri in Excusatione Erratorum Typographicorum adducta plenius liquet & apparet. Ad quem Librum & ad Clausulas predictas pars se refert & pro hic lectis & insertis habet & haberi petit quatenus, &c. Et ponit ut supra.*

## XIII.

*Item.* This Proponent doth farther allege, that between the Time of the Restauration of King Charles II, and the Year of our Lord 1667, (the Time deduced and objected in the 8th Article of certain Articles exhibited in this Cause) there were other Lord Chancellors, beside the Right Honourable Edward Earl of Clarendon, deceased; and particularly, that the Author or Authors of the Book, entituled, *Athenæ Oxonienses*, Volume II, exhibited as aforesaid, were of that Opinion, as appears by Column 228 of the *Athenæ Oxonienses*, Volume II, and Page 804 of the *Fasti Oxonienses* annexed to the said Book, and exhibited as aforesaid, *Ad quam quidem Columnam & Paginam dictorum Librorum pars proponens se refert & pro hic lecta habet & haberi petit quatenus, &c. Et ponit ut supra.*

## XIV.

*Item.* That the pretended libellous Words objected in the 4th Article of certain Articles

ticles exhibited in this Cause, did, and do refer to *Lisle*, Chancellor or Commissioner of the great Seal, and not to the Lord Chancellor *Hyde*, as is falsely suggested in the aforesaid Articles, *Prout ex verbis antecessentibus dictam Clausulam in dicto Articulo objectam in Columna Libri exhibiti 269, facta Collatione cum Sententiis ad dictum Lisle referentibus in Columna 228 dicti libri, entitulati, Athenæ Oxonienses, Volume II, plenius liquet & apparet, ad quæ quidem omnia pars proponens se refert & pro hic lectis habet quatenus, &c. Et ponit ut supra.*

## XV.

*Item.* That the Copies in Print of a certain Epistle or Preface composed in Writing, and pretended to be printed by Mr. Wood the Defendant, with his pretended Picture (a) and Coat of Arms, were delivered with Directions to be inserted before the Preface only of the first Volume of *Athenæ & Fasti Oxonienses*, *Prout ex dicta Epistola ex parte partis promoventis in hac Curia exhibita plenius liquet, &c. ad quam Epistolam pars se refert & pro hic lecta habet quatenus, &c.* And this Proponent doth farther alledge, that the first Volume of *Athenæ Oxonienses* was printed and published by the Space of  
two

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(a) The Picture in the Title-Page of this Work is an exact Draught of that here mention'd.



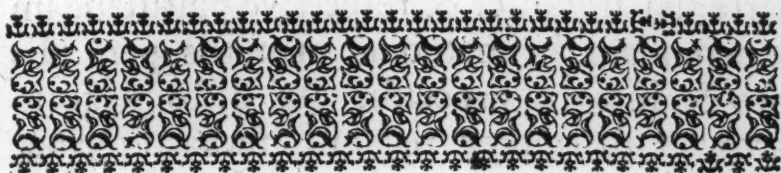
two Years before the second Volume of *Athenæ Oxonienses* exhibited as aforesaid. *Ponit tamen pars de quolibet alio temporis spatio minori, &c. Et ponit ut supra.*

## XVI.

That the said Mr. *Anthony Wood* hath not had any Lodging or Diet, or any Right to any Lodging or Diet, in any College or Hall within the University of *Oxford* for these twenty Years last; *ponit tamen pars de quolibet alio temporis spatio majori, &c.* neither has he had any Name in any Buttery-Book of any College or Hall for the Time aforesaid (*ponit tamen pars, &c.* neither hath he frequented any Publick Assemblies of the said University, as a Member thereof, or had any Right to frequent the same, as a Member thereof, for the Time aforesaid; and that for the Time aforesaid the said Mr. *Anthony Wood* has been reputed and taken to have forsaken all Title or Interest as a Member of the said University. *Ponit tamen pars de alio temporis spatio majori, &c. & ponit ut supra.*

## XVII.

*Item quod præmissa omnia sunt vera, &c.*



## The SENTENCE.

IN Dei Nomine, Amen. Auditis, visis, intellectis, ac plenariè & maturè discussis per nos *Georgium Gardiner*, L. L. Doctorem, ac venerabilis et egregii Viri *Henrici Aldrich* S. T. P. & *Almæ Universitatis Oxoniensis* Cancellarii Affessorem seu Deputatum legitime constitutum; meritis circumstantiis cujusdam negotii reformationis morum quod coram nobis in judicio inter Honoratissimum D. D. *Henricum*, Comitem de *Clarendon*, partem officium nostrum promoventem ex una, & *Antonium a Wood*, Universitatis prædictæ in Artibus Magistrum partem, contra quam hujusmodi negotium promovetur ex altera, partibus aliquandiu vertebatur & adhuc vertitur, adpendet indecisum rite & legitime procedendum, partibusque prædictis eorum Procuratores legitimos coram nobis in judicio ritè & legitime comparentes, parteq; dicti Honoratissimi Viri ac Domini *Henrici*, Comitis de *Clarendon*, pro parte sua sententiam ferri & promulgari, parte  
vero

vero dicti *Antonii a Wood* justitiam fieri pro parte sua instanter & respective postulandam & petendam, rimatoque primitus per nos toto & integro processu, ita dicto negotio facto, & diligenter recensito servatisque per nos de jure in hac parte servandis, ad nostræ Sententiæ definitivæ, sive nostri finalis Decreti in dicto negotio, prolationem sic diximus procedendam fore, & procedimus in hujusmodi qui sequitur modum, viz. Quia post acta deducta, allegata, exhibita, pariter ac probata, in hujusmodi negotio comperimus, & luculenter invenimus partem antedictam Honoratissimi Viri ac D. D. *Henrici* Comitis de *Clarendon* deductam hujusmodi negotio datam, exhibitam, & penes Registrarium hujus Curiae remanentem, quorum quidem articulorum tenor sequitur, & est talis, viz. In Dei nomine, Amen. Nos *Henricus Aldrich*, S. T. P. Vice Cancellarius Universitatis *Oxonienfis* legitime constitutus, tibi *Antonio a Wood* Universitatis prædictæ in Artibus Magistro, omnia & singula subscripta & subsequenda, Articulos, Capitula sive Interrogatoria morum et excessuum tuorum reformationem, præsertim Libellum sive Libellos famosos a te scriptos, compositos et publicatos, concernentes sive tangentes ex officio nostro ad Promotionem Honoratissimi Viri ac Domini *Henrici*, Comitis de *Clarendon*, damus, objicimus, ministramus  
et



& articulatur, &c. (Quos quidem articulos pro hic lectis & insertis habemus & haberi volumus quatenus expedit) sufficienter & ad plenum, quoad interius pronuntiato, fundasse ac probasse, nihilque effectuale ex parte aut per partem antedicti *Antonii a Wood* allegatum aut probatum fuisse aut esse quod intentionem antedicti D. D. *Henrici Comitis de Clarendon* ex hac parte elideret, seu quovis modo enervaret. Idcirco nos *Georgius Gardiner* Judex antedictus, *Christi* nomine primitus invocato, ac ipsum *Deum* solum oculis nostris proponentes, de, ac cum Consilio Jurisperitorum, quibuscum in hac parte ac pretensum communicavimus, præfatum *Antonium a Wood* intra tempus & loca in hoc negotio Articulatum Librum quendam pretensum, cujus titulus pretenfus sic incipit, *Athenæ Oxonienses: An exact History of all the Writers and Bishops who have had their Education in the most ancient and famous University of Oxford, from the 15th Year of King Henry VII, Anno Domini 1500, to the End of the Year 1690, representing the Birth, Fortune, &c. & sic terminatur, The second Volume compleating the whole Work.* Et inter alia in dicto Libro contenta, Libellos famosos in Verba *Anglicana* sequentia, viz. Column. 221. *After the Restauration of King Charles II, was*  
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*expected by all, that he (quendam Davidem Jenkins unum e Judicibus Regiis in partibus Walliæ australibus virum meritissimum innuendo) should be made one of the Judges in Westminster-Hall; and so he might have been, would he have given Money to the then Lord Chancellor, Honoratissimum Virum ac D. D. Edvardum Hyde Militem, nuperum Comitem de Clarendon, Regni Angliæ D. Cancellarium, necnon Cancellarium hujus Universitatis, Patremque naturalem et legitimum partis hoc negotium promoventis defuncti innuendo) et Column. 269. After the Restauration of King Charles II. he (innuendo quendam Johannem Glynn) was made his (Domini Regis innuendo) eldest Serjeant at Law, by the corrupt Dealing of the then Lord Chancellor (præfatum Honoratissimum Virum ac D. D. Edvardum Hyde, Militem, nuper Comitem de Clarendon, Regni Angliæ Dominum Cancellarium, nec non Cancellarium hujus Universitatis, Patremque naturalem & legitimum, partis hoc negotium promoventis defunctum, similiter innuendo scripto composuisse & publicasse, unde præfati Honoratissimi Viri ac D. D. Edvardi Hyde, reliquis additionibus suis, ut prætermittitur, colendissimi, existimatio & fama lædi possit pronunciamus; ideoque dictum Antonium a Wood, quo usque ob tanto morum suorum excessu, recantationem (per nos aut alium*

alium Judicem hujus Curiae competentem approbandam) subscripserit cautionem item sufficientem fide-jussoriam de pace conservanda & quoad crimina objecta, honeste in posterum se gerendo interposuerit, ex hac dicta Universitate *Oxonienſi* tanquam *Pacis perturbatorem* banniendum, & privilegiis ejusdem Universitatis exercendum fore decernimus, & *etiam bannimus* & exuimus, præmissaque instrumento publice affigendo denuncianda & publicanda declaramus (in criminis insuper tam infesti detestationem, dicti libri copiam, copiam etiam, omisso nomine Magistri *Johannis Cook* Procuratoris) allegationis cujusdam intemperantis famosa & scandalosa ex parte dicti *Antonii a Wood* data in hoc negotio, tertio die Mensis *Martii*, Anno Domini, 169<sup>2</sup>, nullatenus vero probata hora nona antemeridiana diei trigesimæ primæ mensis instantis *Julii*, viz. *Die Lunæ* proxime sequentis, in area *Theatri Sheldoni* per hujus Curiae Mandatariorum unum flammis committendam & comburendam fore decernimus, dictumque *Antonium a Wood* in expensis legitimis ex parte dicti *Honorable Viri ac D. D. Henrici Comitis de Clarendon*, in hoc negotio factis condemnandum fore pronunciamus, decernimus & declaramus, prout condemnamus, quos, visa prius *Billa*, taxamus ad summam *triginta & quatuor*



*tuor librarum* (a) per hanc nostram sententiam diffinitivam, sive hoc nostrum finale Decretum; quam sive quod ferimus & promulgamus, ac etiam (cum in hujusmodi negotii appellatio non sit admittenda) Executioni demandamus in his Scriptis.

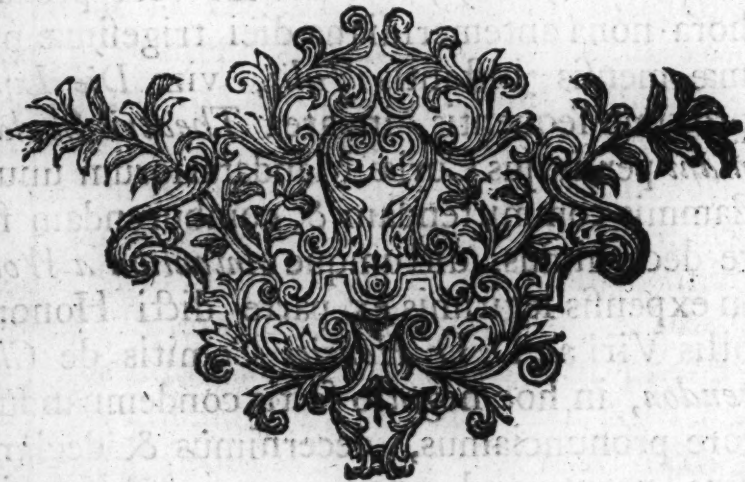
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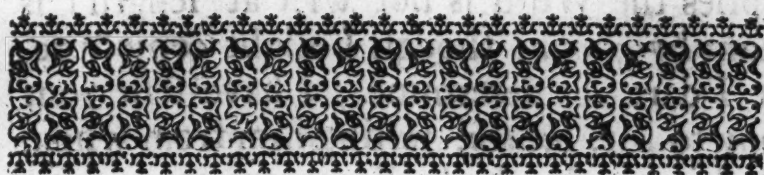
Lecta per nos

GEORGIUM GARDINER, *Assess.*

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(a) With this Fine the two Statues, of K. Charles I. and the Earl of Danby, standing in the Niches on each Side of the Rushick-Work Gate, leading into the University Physick-Garden, were erected.





A  
COLLECTION  
OF  
Original Letters.

Dr. Langbaine's Letter to Mr. William  
Dugdale, concerning an Inscription  
found at Chester.

SIR,

I Thank you for communicating that In-  
scription from Chester, which I easily  
read thus : ——— *Jovi optimo, Maxi-  
mo Tanaro T. Elypius Galerius præsens  
Gunia. Principibus Legionis Vicesimæ quintæ  
Veteranus votum solvit libens merito.* But  
what to make of *Jupiter Tanarus*, and what  
Place (for I take it to be the Name of a  
B Place.

2 Dr. Langbaine's Letter to

Place. This Point . after the *a* in *Gunia*. implies the Word is not writ at length) is meant by *Junia*, though I might conjecture, yet I dare not determine. I have sent your Copy to Mr. *Selden*, telling him from whom I had it ; what he shall return concerning it, you shall know by the next.

Those Pieces concerning St. *Frideswyde*, are still in my Custody ; and if you will have Occasion to use them, I can send them at any Time.

I desire you to present my Service to Mr. *Somner*. Since I received yours, I spoke with Mr. Vice-Chancellor about a *Saxon* Letter ; he is not unwilling, and I doubt not of effecting that Part. But whether we shall obtain any Thing considerable for Mr. *Somner*, (I can promise for none but my self) I cannot tell ; I will be most willing to further and promote any Motion in his Behalf, which carries Probability of Success ; and I hope I may be able to procure him forty Pounds for his *Lexicon*, if it be ready. Of this more hereafter. I am

Queen's-College,  
Dec. 6. 1653.

Your assured loving Friend,

G. LANGBAINE.

P. S. Sir, this was writ, and (as I supposed sent) according to the Date, but I know



Mr. William Dugdale.

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know not by what Neglect omitted; I have therefore unsealed, and inclosed so much of Mr. Selden's Letter to me, as concerns the Chester-Inscription, which I received back from him this Morning. Dr. Palmer is returned, and some Time the next Week I will make my best Effort upon him for *Abberbury, &c.* I am now in some Haste, as straitened in Time. I have spoke to Mr. Robinson, to enquire and inform me about a *Saxon* Letter, for which I shall pray you to let me have your Directions before I conclude. I am always

Queen's-College,  
Dec. 16. 1653.

*Your Friend and Servant,*

G. LANGBAIN.





*Mr. Selden's Letter to Dr. Langbaine.*

S I R,

**T**HAT Inscription of *Chester*, I think, I have received by five or six Hands; and this which you have, is agreeable in Substance, (they being written from the Stone) save that your *Elypius* is *Elupius*. It is true, *Tanarus*, I think, occurs nowhere else. But considering the Slips of Cutters, or the soon and usual mistaking to such a Degree of a Name, though there might be a *Jupiter Tanarus*, as well as another, (and I cannot doubt but such additional Names were multiplied to many of the Gods, that appear not now in Books, there being so many of them lost) yet probably enough this might be *Jupiter Taranis*, who in *Lucan* is a *Gaulish*, and so a *British* God, (and in some Copies *Taramis*) as is thought from *Tanar*, (easier to let slip with a little *Anagram*) in *Welch*, Thunder, and to Thunder. For GVNIA. I am yet at a Nonplus.

Dec. 14. 1653.

*Your most affectionate Friend,*

J. SELDEN.

*Mr.*



*Mr. Ashmole's Letter to Mr. William  
Dugdale, about the Course of the Ro-  
man Road called Watling-street, &c.*

*My worthy Friend,*

**A**FTER my parting from you on *Thursday*  
last at *Rothwell*, I met with nothing  
observable in my Journey, save a very large  
Rampire at *Goldsbrough* in *Northamptonshire*,  
which is situate upon a high Hill, and pre-  
sents a large Prospect every Way. The Dif-  
ference and imperfect Directions of the Coun-  
try-men, caused me to waste six Hours before  
I got to *Antonine's BANNAVENNA*,  
and our *Weedon*. There I entered *Watling-*  
*street*, (which the People yet call the Street-  
way) and within a Mile the old *Roman-*  
*Way* discovers it self very plainly, the  
Ridge continuing perfectly visible for ano-  
ther Mile; and then at *Norton*, it is took  
in by Inclosures, where now is the common  
Road, turning a little on the right Hand,  
does about half a Mile farther re-enter *Wat-*  
*ling-street*. Thence 'tis plain to *New-Inn*,  
and



and four Miles further I met with the *Vestigia* of an Ancient Fort, about a Bow-shot on the right Hand of the Way, over against *Lilburne*; the outward Line contained about an Acre of Ground, within which was a Mount like the Keep of an old Castle, surrounded with a Trench, and over against it the Ground raised like a Half-Moon, whose Horns entered the other Trench, as by the Platform (which I have pricked in the Margin) you may discern. I heard of no other Name for it, than the round Hill. The River *Avon* runs near it on the North. A Mile farther, in the Valley, stands another House called *New-Inn* also, but of Ancienter standing than the former, and distinguished only by its lying under *Shorewell*. Mine Host told me, it had been an Abbey call'd *Hollywell*. Here spying some small Trenches lately made to drain the adjacent Meadow, I went to them, and found many Pieces of Roman Brick and Tile cast up. And they say, that Roman Coin is found thereabouts; but though I have met with none there, nor in all my Journey, yet have I left Word with divers to lay up for me what they shall hereafter find. About a Mile hence, there is a *Tumulus* raised in the very Middle of the Highway, which methought was worth observing; but from thence to *High-Cross*, I saw nothing worthy taking Notice of; but there

there (near the Place, where *Foss* from *Leicester*, and *Watling-street* from *Weedon* make a right Angle) is the Foundation (as I guess) of a *Roman* Temple, about six Yards long, and four Yards broad; and where, they say, not long since, was a Thing like a Silver Mace dug up; (which, the People will needs have to be the Mayor's Mace of the City when it stood) I suppose it might be some Ensign of Honour, or Pontifical Instrument belonging to the Priest, or used in Sacrifice. The long Pole set up at this Place, with four Arms, (directing the Way from *London* to *West-Chester*, and from *York* to *Bristol*) was erected by one Mr. *Anthony Font* of *Claybrooke*, who was, I hear, a Lover of Antiquities, (with whom lived one Mr. *Broxborne*, a great Collector of the Coins found hereabout; but what is become of him, I could not learn.) On the Top of its Erection, viz. Sept. 14. 1630, coming near *Hinckley*, I perceived the old Way has been taken into *Stretchley-Field*, and so continued for a Mile; from whence, till I came near the River *Anchor*, little was observable; but about a Bow-shot on this Side the Bridge, the old *Roman* Way passes through the Middle of a square Fortification, which contains about two Acres of Ground. This Place deserves some farther Consideration, it seeming to be situate at the very Entrance

Entrance of old MANDVESSEUM. Thence (a Mile on the left Hand) I could discern the *Tumulus* upon *Oldbury*; but the Day was too far spent to ride up to it. Being past a Mile from *Atherston*, methought *Watling-street* struck an oblique Line to *Falkeſley*; and though the Woods denied me the Help to judge, which the Champian had afforded me, yet by observing the Position of the Sun, I was something perswaded to credit this my Opinion; but I will not positively aver it, 'till I shall trace this Way with a Needle. From *Falkeſley*, I found the old Way hold on very direct and visible, 'till I came within half a Mile of ETOCETVM, and there it is apparently cut off, or rather sunk in the Bogs, just when *Ickenild-street* crosses it; so that the present Road takes upon the right Hand, and about half a Mile farther enters the old Way again at *Wall*. Thus far I traced, and viewed what now seems observable in this Ancient Roman Way; (with those Parts of it wherein two others of the Ancient Roman Roads cross it) and now let me farther tell you, that looking back from the Highway, over against *Round-Hill*, towards *New-Inn*, I discerned the Track to be a little arched, and inclining *North West*, which adds some ground to your Opinion, that the Course of *Watling-street* is somewhat bending



bending through *Warwickshire*. The like Arch, I observed to be from the Place where we crossed this Street-way, from *Newnham* to *Lutterworth*; and both these Prospects were about four Miles in Length. However, I could not discern the least Variation from a strait Line in any other Part of the Way; but there, I confess, the Wood grew on me too fast, and cut the Prospect too short to make my Observation so exact as I did in the *Champion*; and therefore I must wait for a clearer Satisfaction, 'till the Needle determines it. It has created some Wonder in me since, how such an eminent Road, so strait, so solidly founded with Stones and Gravel, and its Ridge so firmly raised, should become so much neglected, whereas there is not a more boggy and rotten Road, than in that other (when the old one is forsaken) almost to *Coventry*. Besides, in my Opinion, the Journey from *Weedon* to *Litchfield*, through *Watling-street*, is shorter by three or four Miles, than if you go by *Coventry*. But I consider, that after the *Roman* and Idolatrous Part of the *Saxon* Times, Christianity (founded upon different Interests drew on Veneration to the Places of Martyrdom, or other Reverence upon some lesser Engagements; which afterwards grew up to the Accommodation of Travellers, among which *Coventry* be-

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10 Mr. Ashmole's Letter, &c.

came famous for its Monastery, and the new Way through it to *Litchfeild* (though more winding, long, and rotten) was frequented, and the old, (though direct, shorter, and firmer) by Degrees, relinquished. Thus *Litchfeild* and *St. Albans* might (perhaps upon like Occasion) draw the great Roads to them from *EROCETVM*, and *Old VERVLAMIVM* became neglected. I will not add another Line, but beg Pardon for this tedious Relation, and to assure you that I am

Apr. 20. 1657.

*Your real and obliged Friend,*

E. ASHMOLE.

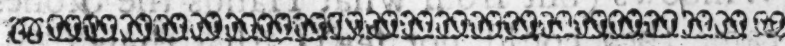




# Several LETTERS,

Written to

*John Aubrey, Esq; F. R.S.*



*Honest Mr. Aubrey,*

I Do not wonder that you should hear of another Purging of the University, which, although it be not yet done, will in all Probability be shortly; so that the Report you hear may be receiv'd as a good Prophecy, although not as a True History. The Parliament hath indulg'd so far, as to stay till the 20th of *March* for our Subscription; after which Time there is no Favour to be expected for them that refuse. I should be glad therefore to see you here about that Time, if your Occasions would permit;



12 *Letters written to J. Aubrey, Esq;*

but whatever befalls us, I do intend (God willing) to stay here till *Easter* be past, and to partake of the Happiness of enjoying your Company. Concerning that which happen'd at *Woodstock*, I was told by Mr. *Hawes*, who now lives with Sir *William Fleetwood* in the Park, that the Committee which sat in the Manour-House, for Selling the King's Lands, were frighted out by strange Apparitions; and that the four Surveyors, which were sent to measure the Park, and lodg'd themselves with some other Companions in the Manour, were pelted out of their Chambers by Stones thrown in at the Windows (but from what Hands the Stones came they could not see); that their Candles were continually put out as fast as they lighted them; and that one who stood with his Sword drawn, to defend a Candle, was with his own Scabbard in the mean-time well cudgell'd, so that for the Blows, or for Fear, he fell sick, and the others forc'd to remove, some of them to Sir *William Fleetwood's* House, and the rest to some other Places. But concerning the cutting of the Oak in particular, I hear nothing. I rest,

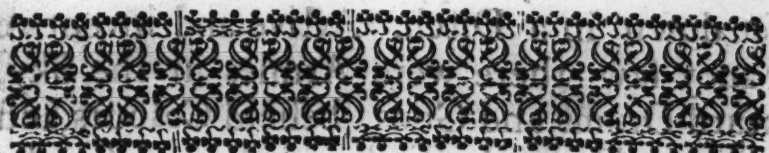
Your Friend, to be commanded to my Power,

J. LIDALL.

Oxford, March

11. 1645.

Mr.



S I R,

I Am hugely unfortunate, if those Minutes you have been so earnest for are not yet come to your Hands. Upon your first Desire I sent the Original Paper I had from you; and by chance having, I know not why, taken a Copy, I since sent a Transcript, which is I hope in your Hands now. If not, you must have the Trouble of sending your Commands once more, with better Directions to find you, than are those to your *Three Black Posts*. On *June 14*, about 6 at Night, came a Storm, with Thunder, and a Whirlwind uncommon. Sir *Fr. R.* had 10 or 12 People about Hay in a Ground of his on the N. Side of *Polden Hill*, four Miles hence. It made them think the Judgment-Day was come, and to run from their Work. They saw it take up many of the Hay-cocks, to the Quantity of two or three Load very high into the Air. It fell all about the Parish, some was carry'd two Miles off. Trees bowed flat to the Ground by it.

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14 *Letters written to J. Aubrey, Esq;*

A Man said to be taken up, and carry'd to some Distance, suppos'd an 100 Yards, and set down in a Ditch. Active and inventive Fancy saw there were Armies in the Sky, heard Drums and Guns, beheld Colours, and a long Dragon's Tail; and at last the Scene was remov'd with very sweet Musick, that of the Spheres not comparable to it. A great Storm of Rain fell about a Mile or two short of the Place wherein this to-do was. This is hugely talk'd of at a Distance; and the Story is dress'd up to a Miracle; but setting aside what Superstition adds to it, I can be assur'd of nothing in it but what was natural, only not very usual. On *Tuesday, July 6.* a Holy Day was kept at *Bridge-water*, and this Place, in Remembrance of last Year's Deliverance there: Prayers and Bells, Guns and Bonfires, were made Use of, tho' no Command; the People hoping the King, that pardon'd the Rebels, will forgive this voluntary Act of Gratitude and Loyalty. We suppose we shall have some of the Camp in our Neighbourhood for Winter-Quarters, if but to suppress the Meetings which the wise People of our Town openly frequent, and of which Complaint is made to the King. I am

*Your most affectionate and faithful Friend and Servant,*

July 9, 1636.

A. PASCHAL,





S I R,

**Y**OURS of the 20th past, receiv'd, calls to Remembrance the Information you desire. I have before me the Letter which my Friend sent about it, dated October 5, 1674. In it he says thus: About a Month since I was inform'd by one of the Workmen at *Athelney*, of a Tomb found deep, and taken up: The Workmen broke the Top-Stone (a fair Tiesse, carv'd and well wrought) and wall'd it up in the new House they are building; they found nothing in it but some of his Cloth, a Fragment of which I send you, the Skull of a Man, and the *Os Ilium*, as I guess by the Description given, and some Earth and Dust; the Sides and lower Stone were Free-stone; in the Bottom was cut out Room for the Receipt of the several particular Parts of the Body, as Head round and big, Neck narrow, Shoulders broad, &c. all answerable

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rable to the Proportion of the several Parts of the Body, and several Holes bor'd thro' the same bottom Stone. My Informant, illiterate, could not tell whether there were any Inscription, only 'twas variously hatch'd and wrought all over. It lay some Distance from the supposed Church, S. E. and at some Distance, about a Stone's Throw. I cannot imagine what this Cloth should be made of, unless of some foreign fine Hair. Thus far my Friend. Again: Some Time after he wrote again as follows. I have been (since I was with you) at *Atbelney*, where they continue digging up the Ruins and Foundation of that sometimes famous and Ancient Monastery. They took up the Bases of the Pillars of the Church lately, and near by, found some Graves, one among the rest near eight Foot long, as the Workmen guess'd, with the Bones answerable. They have wrought since South from the East Part of the Church, (which stood upon the Top of the Hill to the N. E.) and take up much Freestone, one excellently well wrought, but broken in Pieces, most confus'd and mix'd with the Rubbish, yet seems to my Thoughts, that it is the Window-Work and carv'd Roof of some Cloyster of good Work, &c. I directed them since to dig in the (suppos'd by me) East Part of the Church, where they find Pieces

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of carved Free-stone, shewing yet Paint and Gold on it, but not of Bigness to demonstrate what it was; which Pieces (some of them) I have now by me, together with Pieces of painted Brick or Tile, the undoubted Floor or Pavement of that Part of the Church and Cloysters.] This is all my Friend says, and that I can serve you with in that Matter, unless I add, That the unfortunate Captain *Hucker* was the Purchaser of that Island *Athelney*, (that *Insula Nobilium*, and the *Minturna* of K. *Alfred*) and the Builder of the mention'd House, who employ'd those Workmen; and that he himself told me (though I remember not distinctly all he said) that they found a great and curious Spur of Gold in their digging, which, as I remember, he said they dispos'd of for their own Benefit, he could not know how.

The Author of my MS. gives this Title to it.

CLAUDIUS CÆSAR's, and other Old Roman Emperors Treasure, newly found out near Conquest in Somerset; suppos'd to be the Place where their Conquest of Britain was compleated. By Philantiquarius.

He begins his Discourse thus. [In that most critical Year of our Lord, 1666, two large earthen Pitchers full of Roman Medals, each



eighty Pound Troy-Weight, were digg'd up by Labourers with Mattocks, in plough'd Fields; the one in *Laurence-Lydiard*, the other within the Parish of *Stogumber*, adjoining—— (He after adds his Conjecture) That the *Romans*, throughout many Ages, after the suppos'd Conquest ended here, continued a Legion, or Part of one, hereabouts, which they paid with such Money as this, to prevent Insurrection by Land and Invasion by Sea. He adds, That after other *Britains* conquer'd, these two only remain'd unconquer'd, viz. the *Iceni* and the *Cangi*; and that the *Iceni* (in *Norfolk*) being subdu'd, they came in the last Place to the *Cangi* of *Somerset*, and conquer'd them also in this Valley, between *Taunton* and *Watyel*. He traces his conquering Army from the *Iceni* to the *Cangi* in seven Footsteps; and says many Things I think not altogether unworthy of Observation, too long to be here inserted. When the *Roman* Forces were call'd Home, to relieve the Empire distress'd by the Interruptions of the Northern Nations, he supposes they bury'd these Treasures, since found. This same Author, in his Discourse upon *Stone-henge*, which he calls *A Fool's Bolt soon shot*, hath these Words near the Beginning. [My Bolt is soon shot, in his short Conjecture, that *Stone-henge* was an old *British* Triumphal Trophical Temple, erected

erected to *Anaraitb*, their Goddess of Victory, in a bloody Field there won by Illustrious *Stunings* and his *Cangick* Giants, from *Divitiacus* and his *Belgæ*; in which Temple the Captives and Spoils were sacrific'd to the said Idol *Anaraitb*.] He endeavours to make his out under 12 Heads; as 1st. *That Stone-henge* was an old British *Momument*, &c. To this is added his Description, in which he makes a Circle, and assigns three Entrances, to which he allots six great Stones without the Circle; to omit the Account he gives of the rest, the Stone in the middle, four Foot broad, sixteen Foot long, he makes to be the Altar. The MS. with a *Transcription of the Book of the Prior Montague, containing the Charters, &c.* and much more than is in the *Monasticon* I had sent, if I had receiv'd the Letter 24 Hours sooner. For I would have requested Mr. *Waller*, who went hence on *Saturday* Morning, and so was gone before yours came, to take it with him, I had great Hopes to have had an Opportunity of fully imparting to him the Design which carries his Title, (and in which some considerable Progress is made) viz. *Introductio generalis in Cognitionem Rerum acquirendam, & cognitionis earum acquisita Repositorium. Prima Pars est de Rebus Naturalibus. Secundum, 1. Genera Species, & ubi res postulat, individua. 2. Partes. 3. Modificationes su-*

as. *Secunda Pars est de Rebus Artificialibus.*

I hop'd to have obtain'd of that ingenious Gentleman, that by his Means and yours, I might have had Assistances in the several Particulars belonging to it, as to which I am by no means provided. But his unexpected hastening away, disappointed me. Yet, tho' it so fell out, I please my self with Hopes, that you, my old Friend, who have so often oblig'd me by instructive Correspondence and Communications; and that he, who so generously addicts himself to serve Mankind, in promoting useful Knowledge, will both of you give me Leave to make Recourse to you, as there shall be Occasion.

When you see the good Doctor, pray give him my humble Service and Thanks for his good Advice. My Affairs are, I thank God, in as hopeful a Posture to be for my Ease and Liberty, to follow what my Inclinations lead me to, as I ever saw them in, which is no small Comfort to me. I intend to remove to *Wells* so soon as the Season permits. There my Duty and Interest lye; there I am nearer home, and not far from this Place, where I have gain'd some Friends, by whom I am in Possibilities of doing some Good. Pray favour me with some Accounts concerning the Convocation: By the Informations here, some conjecture, that their Business may be devolv'd in the Hands of Commissioners,



Mr. John Aubrey.

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oners, who are here represented as more favouring the design'd Reconciliation. Pray give my Service to Mr. *Waller*, and tell him I do not forget the Promise about the *Stony Concretion*, and shall be glad at any Time to receive his Commands, as I shall be also to have yours, and Mr. *Hook's*, and Mr. *Lodwick's*, whose I am affectionately. Excuse this Scribble in Cold and Haste, and believe me to be,

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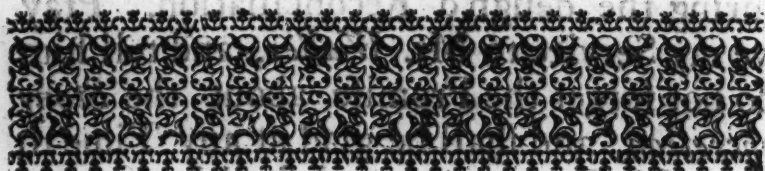
*Your very faithful Friend and Servant,*

*Bristol, December 2, 1689.*

ANDREW PASCHAL.



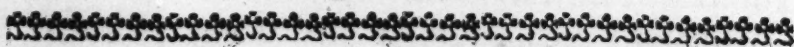
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AN  
INTRODUCTION

TO THE

SURVEY *and* Natural History  
of the North-Division of  
the County of WILTSHIRE.



By J. AUBREY, Esq;



AT a Meeting of Gentlemen at the De-  
vizes, for choosing of Knights of the  
Shire in *March* 1659, it was wish'd by some,  
that this County (wherein are many obser-  
vable Antiquities) was survey'd, in Imitati-  
on of Mr. Dugdale's Illustration of *Warwick-*  
*shire*;

shire; but it being too great a Task for one Man, Mr. *William Torke* (Councellor at Law, and a Lover of this Kind of Learning) advis'd to have the Labour divided: He himself would undertake the *Middle Division*; I would undertake the *North*; *T. Gore, Esq;* *Jeffrey Daniel, Esq;* and Sir *John Erneley* would be Assistants. Judge *Nicholas* was the greatest Antiquary, as to Evidences, that this County hath had in Memory of Man, and had taken Notes in his *Adversarius* of all the Ancient Deeds that came to his Hands. Mr. *Tork* had taken some Memorandums in this Kind too, both now dead; 'tis Pity those Papers, falling into the Hands of merciless Women, should be put under Pies. I have since that occasionally made this following Collection, which perhaps may sometime or other fall into some Antiquary's Hands, to make a handsom Work of it. I hope my worthy Friend Mr. *Anthony Wood* of Oxford will be the Man. I am heartily sorry I did not set down the Antiquities of these Parts sooner, for since the Time aforesaid, many Things are irrecoverably lost.

In former Days the Churches and great Houses hereabouts did so abound with Monuments and Things remarkable, that it would have deterr'd an Antiquary from undertaking it. But as *Pythagoras* did guess at the Vastness of *Hercules's* Stature by the Length of his



his Foot, so among these Ruins are Remains enough left for a Man to give a Guess what noble Buildings, &c. were made by the Piety, Charity, and Magnanimity of our Forefathers.

And as in Prospects, we are there pleased most where something keeps the Eye from being lost, and leaves us Room to guess; so here the Eye and Mind is no less affected with these stately Ruins, than they would have been when standing and entire. They breed in generous Minds a Kind of Pity, and sets the Thoughts a-work to make out their Magnificence as they were taken in Perfection. These Remains are *tanquam Tabulata Naufragii*, that after the Revolution of so many Years and Governments, have escap'd the Teeth of Time, and (which is more dangerous) the Hands of mistaken Zeal. So that the retrieving of these forgotten Things from Oblivion, in some sort resembles that of a Conjuror, who make those walk and appear that have lain in their Graves many Hundreds of Years, and to represent, as it were to the Eye, the Places, Customs, and Fashions that were of old Time.

Let us imagine then what Kind of Country this was in the Time of the Ancient *Britains*, by the Nature of the Soil, which is a Soure, Woodsere Land, very natural for the Production of Oaks especially; one may

may conclude, that this North-Division was a shady dismal Wood; and the Inhabitants almost as salvage as the Beasts, whose Skins were their only Raiment. The Language *British* (which for the Honour of it, was in those Days spoken from the *Orcades* to *Italy* and *Spain*.) The Boats on the *Avon* (which signifies River) were Baskets of Twigs cover'd with an Ox-Skin, which the poor People in *Wales* use to this Day, and call them Curricles.

Within this Shire I believe that there were several *Reguli*, which often made War upon one another, and the great Ditches which run on the Plains and elsewhere so many Miles, were (not unlikely) their Boundaries, and withall served for Defence against the Incurſion of their Enemies, as the *Picts* Wall, *Offa's* Ditch, and that in *China*; to compare ſmall Things to great. Their Religion is at large deſcribed by *Cæſar*; their Priests were the *Druids*. Some of their Temples I pretend to have reſtored; as *Aubury*, *Stonehenge*, &c. as alſo *British* Sepulchres. Their Way of Fighting is lively ſet down by *Cæſar*. Their Camps, with thoſe of their Antagoniſts, I have ſet down in another Place. They knew the Uſe of Iron; and about *Hedington* Fields, *Brombam*, *Bowdon*, &c. are ſtill plough'd up Cinders (*i. e.* the *Scoria* of melted Iron.) They

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were two or three Degrees I suppose less salvage than the *Americans*. Till King *John's* Time Wolves were in this Island; and in our Grandfather's Days more Foxes than now, and *Marterns* (a Beast of brown rich Furr) at *Stanton Park*, &c. the Race now extinct thereabout.

The *Romans* subdued and civiliz'd them; at *Lekham* (Mr. *Camden* saith) was a Colony of them, as appears there by the *Roman* Coin found there. About 1654. in *Weekfield* in the Parish of *Hedington*, digging up the Ground deeper than the Plough went, they found for a great Way together Foundations of Houses, Hearths, Coals and a great deal of *Roman* Coin, Silver and Brasse, whereof I had a Pint; some little Copper-pieces no bigger than Silver Halfpence (*quare* if they were not the *Roman Denarii*) I have portray'd the Pot in which a good deal was found, which Pot I presented to the *Royal Society's* Repository, it resembles an Apprentice's earthen *Christmas-Box*.

At *Sherston* hath several times been found *Roman* Money in ploughing. I have one Silver Piece found there (1653) not long since, of *Constantine the Great*. Among other Arts that of Architecture was introduc'd by them; and no Doubt but here as well as in other Parts were then good Buildings, here being so good Stone: I know  
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not any *Vestigia* now left in this County, except the Fragments of the Castle of *Sarisbury*, which takes its Name from *Cæsar*, *Cæsarisburghum*, from whence *Sarisburgh*, whence *Salisbury*.

At *Bath* are several *Roman* Inscriptions, which Mr. *Camden* hath set down, and by the West Gate a Piece of a delicate *Corinthian* Freeze, which he calls wreath'd Leaves, not understanding Architecture; and by in a Bass relieve of an Optriouch? At *Bethford* about 1663, was found a Grotto pav'd with Mosaic Work, some whereof I have preserv'd.

The *Saxons* succeeding them, and driving away to *Ireland*, *Cornwal*, &c. these *Britains* were by *Romans* left here; for they used the best of them in their Wars, being their best Soldiers) here was a Mist of Ignorance for 600 Years. They were so far from knowing Arts, that they could not build a Wall with Stone. They lived fluttishly in poor Houses, where they eat a great deal of Beef and Mutton, and drank good Ale in a brown Mazard; and their very Kings were but a Sort of Farmers. After the Christian Religion was planted here, it gave a great Shoot, and the Kings and great Men gave vast Revenues to the Church, who were ignorant enough in those Days. The *Normans* then came and taught them Civility and

Building; which though it was *Gothick* (as also their Policy *Feudalis Lex*) yet they were magnificent. For the Government, 'till the Time of King *Henry VIII*, it was like a Nest of Boxes; for Copyholders, (who 'till then were Villains) held of the Lords of the Manour, who held of a superior Lord, who perhaps held of another superior Lord or Duke, who held of the King. Upon any Occasion of Justing or Tournaments in those Days, one of these great Lords founded his Trumpets (the Lords then kept Trumpeters; even to King *James*) and summon'd those that held under them. Those again founded their Trumpets, and so downward to the Copyholders. The *Court of Wards* was a great Bridle in those Days. A great Part of this *North Division* held of the Honour of *Trowbridge*, where is a ruined Castle of the Dukes of *Lancaster*. No younger Brothers then were by the Custom and Constitution of the Realm to betake themselves to Trades, but were Churchmen or Retainers, and Servants to great Men, rid good Horses (now and then took a Purse) and their Blood that was bred of the good Tables of their Masters, was upon every Occasion freely let out in their Quarrels; it was then too common among their Masters to have Feuds with one another, and their Servants at Market, or where they met (in that slashing Age) did commonly

commonly bang one another's Bucklers. Then an Esquire, when he rode to Town, was attended by eight or ten Men in blue Coats with Badges. The Lords (then Lords in Deed as well as Title) liv'd in their Countries like petty Kings, had *Jura Regalia* belonging to their Seigniories, had their Castles and Boroughs, and sent Burgessees to the *Lower House*; had Gallows within their Liberties, where they could try, condemn, draw and hang; never went to *London* but in Parliament-Time, or once a Year to do their Homage and Duty to the King. The Lords of Manours kept good Houses in their Countries, did eat in their great *Gothick* Halls, at the High Table; (in *Scotland* still the Architecture of a Lord's House is thus, viz. a great open Hall, a Kitchen and Buttery, a Parlour, over which a Chamber for my Lord and Lady; all the rest lye in common, viz. the Men-servants in the Hall, the Women in a common Room) or *Oriele*, the Folk at the Side-Tables. (*Oriele* is an Ear, but here it signifies a little Room at the upper End of the Hall, where stands a Square or round Table, perhaps in the old Time was an Oratory; in every old *Gothic* Hall is one, viz. at *Dracot*, *Lekham*, *Alderton*, &c.) The Meat was served up by *Watch-Words*. Jacks are but an Invention of the other Age: the poor Boys did turn the Spits



Spits, and lick'd the Dripping-Pan, and grew to be huge lusty Knaves. The Beds of the Servants and Retainers were in the great Halls, as now in the Guard-Chamber, &c. The Hearth was commonly in the middle, as at most Colleges, whence the Saying, *Round about our Coal Fire*. Here in the Halls were the Mummings, Cob-loaf-stealing, and great Number of old *Christmas* Plays perform'd. Every Baron and Gentleman of Estate kept great Horses for a Man at Arms. Lords had their Armories to furnish some hundreds of Men, The Halls of Justices of the Peace were dreadful to behold, the Skreens were garnish'd with Corslets and Helmets, gaping with open Mouth, with Coats of Mail, Lances, Pikes, Halberts, brown Bills, Batterdashers, Bucklers, and the modern Colivers and Petronils (in King *Charles* the 1st's Time) turn'd into Muskets and Pistols. Then were Entails in Fashion, (a good Prop for Monarchy). Destroying of Manours began *Temp. Hen. VIII.* but now common; whereby the mean People live lawless, no body to govern them, they care for no body, having no Dependance on any Body. By this Method, and by the Selling of the Church-Lands, is the Ballance of the Government quite alter'd, and put into the Hands of the common People. No Ale-houses, nor yet Inns were there then, unless

less upon great Roads : When they had a Mind to drink, they went to the Fryaries; and when they travell'd, they had Entertainment at the Religious Houses for three Days if Occasion so long requir'd. The Meeting of the Gentry was not then at Tipling-houses, but in the Fields or Forests, with their Hawks and Hounds, with their Bugle-horns in Silken Bordries. This Part very much abounded with Forests and Parks. Thus were good Spirits kept up, and good Horses and Hides made; whereas now the Gentry of the Nation are so effeminated by Coaches, they are so far from managing great Horses, that they know not how to ride Hunting Horses, besides the spoiling of several Trades dependant. In the last Age every Yeoman almost kept a Sparrow-Hawk; and it was a Diversifement for young Gentlewomen to manage Sparrow-Hawks and Merlins. In K. Henry the VIIIth's Time one Dame *Julian* writ *The Art of Hawking in English Verse*, which is in *Wilton Library*.) This Country was then a lovely Champain, as that about *Sheeston* and *Cots-wold*; very few Enclosures, unless near Houses: My Grandfather *Lyle* did remember when all between *Cromball* (at *Easton*) and *Castle-Comb* was so, when *Easton*, *Tatton* and *Comb* did intercommon together. In my Remembrance much hath been enclos'd, and every Year more and more is taken

ken in. Anciently the Leghs (now corruptly call'd Slaights) *i. e.* Pastures, were noble large Grounds, as yet the Demefne Lands at *Castle Combe* are. So likewise in his Remembrance was all between *Kington St. Michael* and *Dracot-Ferne* common Fields. Then were a world of labouring People maintain'd by the Plough, as yet in *Northamptonshire*, &c. There were no Rates for the Poor in my Grandfather's Days; but for *Kington St. Michael* (no small Parish) the Church-Ale at *Whitsuntide* did the Business. In every Parish is (or was) a Church-house, to which belong'd Spits, Crocks, &c. Utensils for dressing Provision. Here the House-keepers meet, and were merry, and gave their Charity: The young People were there too, and had Dancing, Bowling, shooting at Butts, &c. the Ancients sitting gravely by and looking on. All things were civil and without Scandal. This Church-Ale is doubtless deriv'd from the *αἰώνιος* or *Love-Feast* mention'd in the *New Testament*. Mr. *A. Wood* assures me, that there were no Alms-Houses, at least they were very scarce before the *Reformation*; that overagainst *Christ Church, Oxon.* is one of the Ancientest. In every Church was a poor Man's Box, but I never remember'd the Use of it; nay, there was one at great Inns, as I remember it was before the Wars. Before the



the *Reformation*, at their Vigils or Revels, sat up all Night fasting and praying: The Night before the Day of the Dedication of the Church, certain Officers were chosen for gathering the Money for charitable Uses. Old *John Wastfield* of *Langley* was *Peter-man* at *St. Peter's Chapel* there; at which Time is one of the greatest Revels in these Parts, but the Chapel is converted into a Dwelling-House. Such Joy and Merriment was every Holiday, which Days were kept with great Solemnity and Reverence. These were the Days when *England* was famous for the *Grey Goose Quills*. The *Clark's* was in the *Easter* Holidays, for his Benefit, and the Solace of the Neighbourhood.

Since the *Reformation* and Inclosures aforesaid, these Parts have swarm'd with poor People. The Parish of *Caln* pays to the Poor (1663) 500 l. per Annum; and the Parish of *Chippenham* little less, as appears by the Poors Books there. Inclosures are for the private, not for the publick, Good. For a Shepherd and his Dog, or a Milk-Maid, can manage Meadow-Land, that upon arable, employ'd the Hands of several Scores of Labourers.

In those Times (besides the Jollities already mentioned) they had their Pilgrimages to *Walsingham*, *Canterbury*, &c. to  
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several Shrines, as chiefly hereabouts to St. *Joseph's* of *Arimathea*, at his Chapel in *Glastonbury* Abbey. In the Roads thither were several Houses of Entertainment, built purposely for them; among others, was the House call'd *The Chapel of Playster near Box*; and a great House call'd . . . . . without *Lafford's Gate* near *Bristol*.

Then the Crusado's to the *Holy War* were most magnificent and glorious, and the Rise, I believe, of the Adventures of Knights Errant and Romances. The Solemnities of Processions in and about the Churches, and the Perambulations in the Fields, besides their Convenience, were fine pleasing Diversions: The Priests went before in their Formalities, singing the *Latin Service*, and the People came after, making their good-meaning Responses. The Reverence given to Holy Men, was very great. Then were the Churches open all Day long, Men and Women going daily in and out hourly, to and from their Devotions. Then were the Consciences of the People kept in so great Awe by Confession, that just Dealing and Virtue was habitual. Sir *Edwyn Sandys* observed in his Travels in the Catholick Countries, so great Use of Confession as aforesaid, that though a severe Enemy to the Church of *Rome*, he doth heartily wish it had never been left out by the Church of  
*England,*

*England*, perceiving the great Good it does beyond Sea. *Lent* was a dismal Time, strictly observ'd by Fasting, Prayer, and Confessing, against *Easter*. During the forty Days, the Fryars preach'd every Day.

This Country was very full of Religious Houses; a Man could not have travell'd, but he must have met Monks, Fryars, *Bonnekhommes*, &c. in their several Habits, Black, White, Grey, &c. And the tingle tangle of their Convent Bells, I fancy, made very pretty Musick, like the College Bells at *Oxford*.

Then were there no Free-Schools; the Boys were educated at the Monasteries; the young Maids, not at *Hackney*: Schools, &c. to learn Pride and Wantonness, but at the Nunneries, where they had Examples of Piety, Humility, Modesty, and Obedience, &c. to imitate and practise. Here they learned Needle-work, the Art of Confectionary, Surgery, Physick, Writing, Drawing, &c.

Old *Faquer* (who lived where *Charles Hadnam* did) could see from his House the Nuns of the Priory of *St. Mary's* (juxta *Kington*) come forth into the Nymph-Hay with their Rocks and Wheels to spin, and with their Sewing Work. He would say that he hath told threescore and ten; tho' of Nuns there were not so many, but in



all, with Lay-Sisters, as Widows, old Maids, and young Girls, there might be such a Number. This was a fine Way of breeding up young Women, who are led more by Example, than Precept; and a good Retirement for Widows and grave single Women, to a civil, virtuous, and holy Life.

# Plato says, that the Foundation of Government is the Education of Youth; by this Means it is most probable that that was a *Golden Age*. I have heard Judge *Jenkins*, Mr. *John Latch*, and other Lawyers, say, that before the *Reformation*, one shall hardly in a Year find an *Action on the Case*, as for *Slander*, &c. which was the Result of a good Government.

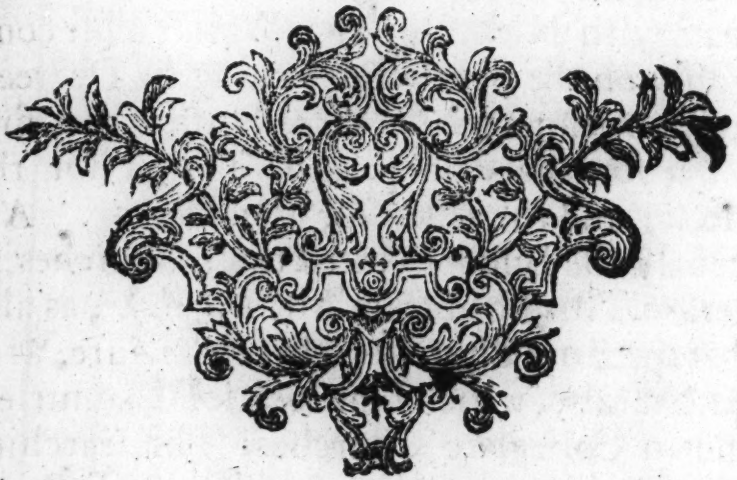
It is a *Sarcasm* more malicious than true, commonly thrown at the Church-men, *that they had too much Land*; for their Constitution being in Truth consider'd, they were rather Administrators of those great Revenues to pious and publick Uses, than Usufructuaries. As for themselves, they had only their Habit and competent Diet, every Order according to their prescrib'd Rule; from which they were not to vary. Then for their Tenants, their Leases were almost as good to them as Fee Simple, and perchance might longer last in their Families. Sir *William Button* (the Father) hath often told me, that *Alton Farm* had been held by

by his Ancestors from the Abbey of *Winchester*, about four hundred Years. The *Powers* of *Stanton Quintin* held that Farm of the Abbey of *Cirencester* in Lease 300 Years; and my Ancestors, the *Danvers*, held *West Tokenham* for many Generations, of the Abbey of *Broadstock*, where one of them was a Prior. *Memorandum*, that in the Abbies were several *Corrodies* granted for poor old shiftless Men, which *Fitzherbert* speaks of amongst his Writs. In *France*, to every Parish Church, is more than one Priest, (because of the several Masses to be said) which Fashion, Mr. *Dugdale* tells me, was us'd here, and at some Churches in *London*, in near half a dozen.

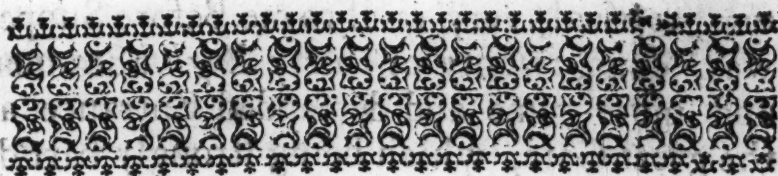
In many Chancels are to be seen three Seats with Niches in the Wall (most commonly on the South Side) rising by Degrees, and sometimes only three Seats, the first being for the Bishop, the second for the Priest, and the third for the Deacon. Anciently the Bishops visited their Churches in Person. This I had from Mr. *Dugdale*; as also that in many Churches where Stalls are, as at Cathedrals, (which I mistook for Chauntries) and in Collegiate Churches. This searching after Antiquities, is a wearisome Task. I wish I had gone through all the Church-Monuments. The Records at *London* I can search *gratis*. Though of all Studies, I take the

the least Delight in this, yet methinks I am carried on with a kind of *Æstrum*; for no Body else hereabout hardly cares for it, but rather makes a Scorn of it. But methinks it shews a kind of Gratitude and Good-nature, to revive the Memories and Memorials of the pious and charitable Benefactors long since dead and gone.

Essex Pierse, April  
28, 1670.







*A Copy of a Letter from Mr. Oliver Long to Sir W. Coventry, Secretary of State, wherein is a perfect Account of the design'd Assassination of the Earl of Clarendon by some English Sea-men in the French Service.*

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**B**Ating all Complements, which though you may merit, your Modesty was always so far averse to, as not to be able to suffer them; I shall give you all the News we have stirring here, which is as follows: As I was travelling from Rouen towards Orleans, it was my Fortune, April 23. N. S. to overtake the Earl of Clarendon, (then in his unhappy and unmerited Exile) who was going towards Bourbon, but took up his Lodging at a private Hostel, in a small wall'd Town call'd Everues, some Leagues from Rouen: I, as most English Gentlemen  
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did to so valuable a Patriot, went to pay him a Visit near Supper-time, where he was, as usual, very civil to me. Before Supper was, done, twenty or thirty *English* Sea-men and more came and demanded Entrance at the great Gate, which being strongly barr'd, kept them out for some Time ; but in a short Space they brake it, and presently drove all they found, by their Advantage of Numbers, into the *Earl's* Chamber, where, by the Assistance of but three Swords and Pistols, we kept them out for half an Hour, in which Dispute many of us were wounded by their Swords and Pistols, whereof they had many. To conclude, they broke the Windows and Doors, and under the Conduct of one *Howard*, an *Irish-man*, (who has three Brothers, as I am told, in the Service of the King of *England*) and an Ensign in this Company of Canoneers, who quickly found the *Earl* on his Bed, not able to stand by the Violence of the Gout, where, after they had given him many Blows with their Swords and Staves, mix'd with horrible Curses and Oaths, they dragg'd him on the Ground into the Middle of the Yard, where they compass'd him around with their naked Swords ; and after they had told him in their own Language, how he had sold the *Kingdom*, and robbed them of their Pay, *Howard* commanded them all, as one Man,

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to Sir William Coventry.

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to run their Swords through his Body ; but what Difference arose among themselves before they could agree, God above, who alone sent this Spirit of Dissention, only knows. In this Interval, their Lieutenant, one *Swaine*, came and disarmed them, sixteen of the Ring-leaders were put into Prison, and many of those Things they had rifled from him, found again, which were restor'd, and of great Value. Monsieur *la Fount*, a great Man, belonging to the King of *France's* Bed-Chamber, sent to conduct the *Earl* on his Way hither, was so desperately wounded in the Head, that there was little Hopes of his Life. Many of these Assassins were grievously wounded ; and this heinous Action is so much resented by all here, that many of these Criminals will meet with an Usage equal to their Merit. Had we been sufficiently provided with Fire-Arms, we had infallibly done ourselves Justice on them ; but we fear not, but the Law will supply our Defect. Sir, here is no more News, than that a Peace, some say, is concluded, a Truce is certainly finished. Service and Respects to all our mutual Friends and Acquaintance, whom nothing but the Service of my Country, to whom we all owe our best Abilities, should give

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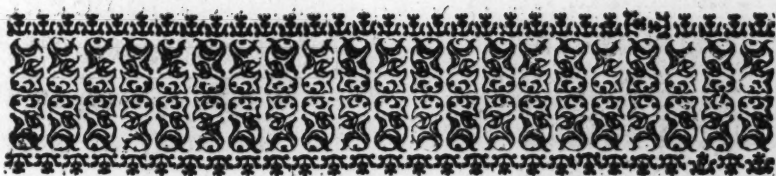
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*Evreux in Normandy,*  
*Apr. 26. 1668.*

*Your humble Servant,*

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*A Copy of a Letter from Robert Plott,  
L. L. D. Keeper of the Ashmolean  
Museum in the University of Oxford;  
design'd to be sent to the Royal Society  
in London.*

GENTLEMEN,

ON Monday last I went to *Chilham*, to view the *Tumulus* of *Quintus Durus Laberius*, which is not in the Form of any Roman Barrow I ever saw, being more like one of our present Graves; I pac'd it, and found it to be seventy of my Paces in Length, and twenty in Breadth. This *Laberius* was a Tribune, slain in one of *Cesar's* Engagements with the *Britains*; the Country-People, to this Day, call it *Fulaberries* Grave. About half a Mile from hence is a handsom Seat of Mr. *Diggs's*, built within the Trenches of *Chilham* Castle, the Keep of which is yet standing, and made Use for a Brewing-House.

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On *Tuesday* I went back again to *Richborow*, to make a more strict Enquiry after some Particulars of Antiquity ; the one was whether it was possible that *Richborow* could ever have been Part of the Isle of *Thanet*, as some Authors affirm. I found that the Lands at *Gosseball* and *Fleet*, which lye on the West Side of *Richborow*, are situated lower than the Lands which the *Stower* passeth by, and while we were here, I met with several Sea-Shells in the Meadows. On *Wednesday* I luckily hit on a double Intrenchment in a Wood, within three Miles of the antient City of *Canterbury*, a City honour'd with the *Englisb Primacy* ; the inward Trench contains an Acre and half, the outward one about four Times as much : It is very probable that this was the Place where *Cæsar* met with the *Britains* in his second Expedition ; for he says, that after he had left *Quintus Atrius* to defend his Ships, at that Time lying above a Mile and half wide off the Town of *Sandwich*, he march'd twelve Miles up into the Country, where he met with the *Britains* near a River, and forced them first of all to retire into one of their Fortifications, and afterwards, forcing their Lines, beat them from thence : *Camden* contends this Battle to have been at *Chilbam*, though the Distance does not agree, neither are there any Ruins of a Fortification to countenance his Assertion. On  
*Thurs-*



*Thursday* I walk'd to *Hyth*, along a Roman Causeway raised high, and paved with Flint. This is one of the *Cinque-Ports*, and formerly contain'd six Parishes, that of *St. Nicholas* only now remains, the Chancel is rais'd extremely on grey Marble Pillars. In the Charnel-House are great Numbers of Bones, and some of them very large; the Inhabitants have several Traditions of these Bones, which, as fictitious, I shall omit; they are white and thin; I took the Dimensions of some of the largest. Two Miles from hence are the Ruins of *Saltwood* Castle, formerly belonging to the See of *Canterbury*; it seems to have been a stately Structure, is of an oval Form, and twenty five Rods in Length. Within two Miles of *Folkstone* is a Fortification of Earth called *Castle*, which has one Trench towards the Sea, and sometimes one, at other times two Trenches towards the Continent, according as the Nature of the Hill requires. On *Saturday* I visited *Stutfall* Castle, a Roman Station; this was the *Portus Limenus*, whose Ruins include eight Acres of Land, and are in Form of an oblong Square; the Walls are composed of a rocky Stone, and a Mortar made of the Sea-Sand and small Pebbles; at two Yards Distance run double Rows of Roman Brick 14 or 15 Inches long. Within a Quarter of a Mile from *Lymne* Church is *Shipway-Court*,

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a Field where the Lord-Warden of the Cinque-Ports are sworn, and Causes concerning the Ports try'd. From hence I walked on the Beach to *Romney*, and this Morning from thence hither, passing most of the Way through the old Chanel of the *Rother*. These are all the Observations I have made in my Journey through this Part of the truly loyal County of *Kent*, which will no ways recompence the Time lost in the Perusal of this from,

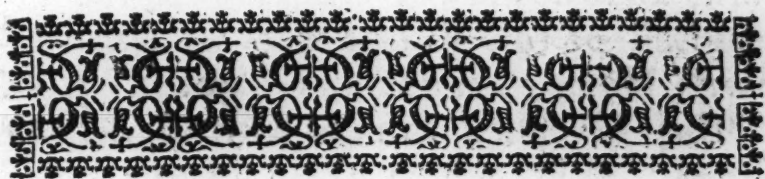
GENTLEMEN,

*Your Humble Servant,*

*Aplemore Sep.*  
3. 1693.

R. PLOTT.





*A Letter from Mr. E. G. to Mr.*  
AUBREY.

SIR,

**H**Earing you were upon a Survey of the North-Riding of the County of *Wilts*, I thought this authentick Account of the Town of *Newnton* might be acceptable to you, and be a small Help to your Design: For the Truth of what I send you, I have good Authority, and the particular Novelty of it might deserve a Place in your much wish'd for Work: It is as follows.

NEWNTON.

This Village affords a lovely Prospect to the South, S. W. and S. E. on the South it is terminated by the blue Hills of *Hackpen*, *Cherhill*, &c. of that Range, between with *Malmesbury-Town*, and the Ruins of the Abbey, with *Charlton-House*, (the Seat of the Earl of *Berkshire*) and, 'till the late unhappy



unhappy Wars, with the Woods of *Charlton-Park*, and the Park of *Hyams*. At the upper End of this Village was *Sir Giles Es-court's* House, Knight and Baronet, Lord of this Mannor, flank'd with a delicate Grove of Oaks, which he cut down and sold for 700 l. This Village, long Time ago, stood a little higher in the Field, where they still plough up Foundations of Houses: The Tradition is, that it was burnt, and then built here, whence it was call'd *Newnton, quasi New-Town*. At the upper End of this Town, at the old Mannor-House, (a) where the old Pidgeon House is, is a fine Fountain of Free-stone, from whence the Water was brought in Pipes of Lead to *Malmesbury-Abbey*; they oftentimes digg'd for the Pipes, but now I think few are left. Some of these Pipes have been digg'd up within these 20 Years. This Town was given to *Malmesbury-Abbey*. The Church here was anciently a Chappel of Ease to that Abbey, from whence it is distant above two Miles.

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(a) In the late Wars this House was burnt down by the Soldiers, and the following Custom of Supping is yet discontinu'd, together with brewing that Quantity of Drink. The rest of the Ceremonies are yet continu'd on the Tot, and on the old Door of the House which yet remains, which they carry then thither, and a small Quantity of Drink of six or eight Gallons is yet drank after the Ghirland is given.

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*The Custom here on Trinity-Sunday.*

King *Athelstan* having obtained a Victory over the *Danes*, by the Assistance of the Inhabitants of this Place, riding to recreate himself, found a Woman baiting of her Cow upon the Way called the *Fosse*, which runs through through this Parish, and is a famous *Roman Way* that goes from *Cornwall* to *Scotland*. This Woman sat on a Stool, with the Cow fastened by a Rope to the Leg of the Stool. The Manner of it occasioned the King to ask, why she did so? She answered the King, that they had no Common belonging to the Town. The Queen being then in his Company, by their Consents it was granted, that the Town should have so much Ground in Common next adjoining to this Way, as the Woman would ride round upon a bare ridged Horse. She undertakes it; and for ascertaining the Ground, the King appointed Sir *Walter*, a Knight that waited on him, to follow the Woman, or go with her; which being done, and made known to the Monks at *Malmesbury*, (they to shew their Liberality upon the Extent of the King's Charity) gave a Piece of Ground, Parcel of their Inheritance, and adjoining to the Church-Yard, to build a House upon for the Hayward to live in, to

look after the Beasts that fed upon this Common. And for to perpetuate the Memory of it, appointed the following Prayers to be said upon every *Trinity-Sunday* in that House, with the Ceremonies ensuing. And because a Monk of that Time, out of his Devotion, gave a Bell to be rung here at this House before Prayers began, his Name was inserted in the Petitions for that Gift.

*The Ceremonies.*

The Parishioners being come to the Door of the Hayward's House, the Door was struck thrice, in Honour of the Holy Trinity; then they entred. The Bell was rung; after which Silence being ordered, they read their Prayers afore said. Then was a Ghirland of Flowers (*b*) Flowers made upon a Hoop, brought forth by a Maid of the Town upon her Neck, and a young Man (a Batchelor) of another Parish, first saluted her three Times, in Honour of the Trinity, in Respect of God the Father. Then she puts the Ghirland upon his Neck, and kisses him three Times, in Honour of the Trinity, particularly God the Son. Then he puts the Ghirland on her Neck again, and

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(*b*) About the Year 1660, one was killed striving to take away the Ghirland.



and kisses her three Times, in Respect of the Holy Trinity, and particularly the Holy Ghost. Then he takes the Ghirland from her Neck, and, by the Custom, must give her a Penny at least, which, as Fancy leads, is now exceeded, as 2 s. 6 d. or *&c.*

The Method of giving this Ghirland is from House to House annually, 'till it comes round.

In the Evening every Commoner sends his Supper up to this House, which is called the *Eale-House*; and having before laid in there equally a Stock of Malt which was brew'd in the House, they sup together, and what was left was given to the Poor.

Of which House there is an Account in *Sommer's Glossery*, at the End of the *English Historians*, printed at London 1652.

### *The Form of Prayer.*

" Peace, good Men, Peace, this is the  
 " House of Charity and House of Peace.  
 " *Christ Jesus* be with us this Day and ever-  
 " more. *Amen.*

" You shall pray for the good Prosperity  
 " of our Sovereign Lord King *Henry VIII*,  
 " and the Royal Issue, (of late Days, King  
 " *Charles II*, Queen *Catherine*, Duke of  
 " *Tork*, and the rest of the Royal Progeny)

“ with all the Nobility of this Land, that  
“ Almighty God would give them such  
“ Grace, Wisdom, and Discretion, that  
“ they may do all Things to the Glory of  
“ God, the King's Honour, and the Good  
“ of the Kingdom.

This Form was made by Mr. *Richard Estcourt*, in Favour of the present Government.

“ You shall praise God, that moved the  
“ Hearts of King **ATHELSTANE** and  
“ Dame **MAUD** his good Queen, to give  
“ this Ground to our Fore-fathers, and to  
“ us, and for all them that shall come after  
“ us in Fee for ever.

“ You shall pray to God for the Soul of  
“ Sir **WALTER**, the good black Knight,  
“ that moved his Heart to give to our Fore-  
“ fathers and us this Ground both to tread  
“ and tite, and to them that shall come after  
“ us in Fee for ever.

“ You shall pray to God for the Soul of  
“ Abbot **LORINGE**, that moved his Heart  
“ to give this Ground to build this House  
“ upon, to our Fore-fathers, and to us, and  
“ to them that shall come after us in Fee  
“ for ever.

“ You shall pray to God for the Soul of  
“ **DON ALURED** the black Monk, that  
“ moved his Heart to give the Bell to this  
“ House.

“ For

to Mr. Aubrey.

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“ For the Souls of these Benefactors,  
“ whom the Lord hath moved their Hearts  
“ to bestow these Benefits upon us, let us  
“ now and ever pray.

*Pater noster qui es in Cœlis, sanctificetur  
Nomen tuum, adveniat Regnum tuum, fiat  
voluntas tua, sicut in Cœlo; sic etiam in Terrâ,  
Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie,  
dimitte nobis Debita nostra; sicut nos dimit-  
timus Debitoribus nostris. Ne nos inducas in  
Tentationem, sed libera nos a Malo. Quia  
tuum est Regnum, Potentia, & Gloria, in Sæ-  
cula Sæculorum. Amen.*

I have nothing more to add, than that  
I am,

*Fest. Ascens.  
1682.*

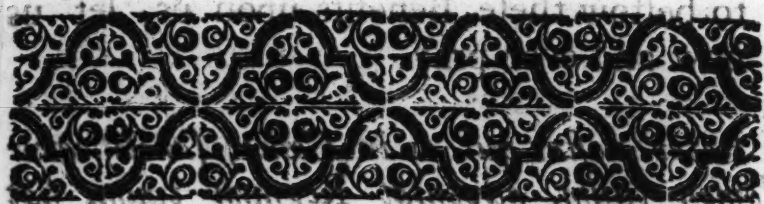
Dear Sir,

*Your humble Servant,*

E. G.

Mr.





**Mr. Andrew Paschal's Letter to John  
Aubrey, Esquire.**

**S I R,**

**I** Shall this Week send of that Metal, you desire, to Mr. *Kent*: He that supply'd me with it wrote thus. [I send you some of the *Dulverton* Oar; it is beat and wash'd; it is a hard barren Oar, and the Lead that comes from it is harder than *Mindip-Lead*; the Oar is nothing so rich or full of Metal; there is Silver in it, but scarce exceeding the Worth of the Lead: If any one could extract it, and save the Lead, it might be worth while, otherwise not.] This Person was likely to have been deeply concerned, if the Work had gone on. I doubt, by his Account of it, it will not serve Mr. *Kent*. If in this, or any thing else I can be useful to you, or him, or any of your Friends, I shall receive your Commands as a real Obligation. On your good Mother's  
Desire,

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Desire, I have used my Diligence to procure you some Berries of the *Holy-thorn*. (You know the old one was cut down by a military Saint in the late Times; but there are divers from that, by grafting and Inoculation, preserved in the Country.) If they come soon enough, I will send them with the Oar. Perhaps that Person of Quality had rather have a Bush, if so, let him know 'tis not impossible to get one for him. I am told here is a Person about *Glastonbury*, who hath a Nursery of them, which he sells for a Crown a-piece, or as he can get. If he will be at the Charge, I will do my best to have one of the right Kind sent up as it shall be directed. I am glad of your Success at *Seen*. Many things here come to Light. I am told of a Well, that by washing wrought a wonderful Cure on a Person deep in the *King's-Evil*; 'tis not above seven Miles from me: To save the Grass trod down by the many, who on that came to it 16 Years ago, the Owner stopp'd it up. I mean to try the Water, and hope to get it opened. I have had a good while a Suspicion of Gold in this Country. My *plain Friend*, and his Wife, (both most inquisitive Naturalists) spent some Days with me last Week: They confirm me in my Opinion; please to take three of my Reasons. 1. *Tacitus* (who from *Agrippa's* governing here 8 Years knew well

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well the State of this Country) says (I think 'tis in the Life of *Arthur*) that *Britain* yields, among other Metals, Gold; and that *Agrippa* did come to that Part of our Country whence a Prospect into *Ireland*, and in that Place I suspect there was a Mine. 2. On that Place that my Friend (as he tells me the Story, not without something of a Divine Direction) found Stones, out of which he extracted, by a Way he discovered to me, good Gold, not much of the Stone yielded to the Quantity of a Pease; and I have seen in the broken Stones a clear Appearance of Gold, and by an Experiment made on them by my self, found Cause to think what the honest Man said might be true. 3. There is in that Part of the Country a Story goes by Tradition, to this Purpose; That in the Hill (we speak of) there was a Door into an Hole; that when any wanted Money, they used to go and knock there; that a Woman used to appear, and give to such as came: At a Time, one by Greediness or otherwise gave her Offence; she flung to the Door, and delivered this old Saying, still remember'd about the Country,

*When all the Daws be gone and dead,  
Then — Hill shall shine Gold red.*

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They fancy this relates to an ancient Family of the Name there, of which there is now but one Man left, and he not likely to have any Issue.

When I first heard this, (last Week) I thought it a *Monkish* Tale, forged in the *Abby* of that Place, which was famous (and in which Place, by the Way, was met with that ancient Manuscript I mentioned to you of the Prior of *Montague* in this Country) in former Times. But, on second Thoughts, I who have learned not to despise our Forefathers, make some Question whether this may not refer to some such rich Mine in that Hill, formerly in Use and now lost. I and my plain Friend are resolved to drive on this Search as far as we can. And when it shall appear worth while, we'll get you to discourse with my Lord — about it, to have Advice, &c. In the mean Time it will be best to keep all private. If any thing be in it, it will be so best contrived to be for his Majesty, his Lordship's Service, and, perhaps, some private Persons Benefit.

I this Day expect an Original Old Manuscript, or Copy of it, found lately by Labourers in *Glastenbury* Abby — it promises Health and Wealth to the Finder of a Treasure near. That Gentleman, concerned in *Mendip*, a Lord there, provided Instruments and Workmen to search; but he is so hated

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that it would not be endured. If his Writing comes, I will fend you a Copy. Sure it is, a Mason not long ago wanting a Free-stone, came to the Renter of the Abbey for one, gave Six Pence for one; the Saw standing somewhere fit for his Turn, the Mason saw'd it, and out came divers Pieces of Gold of Three Pound Ten Shillings Value a-piece, of how ancient Coin I cannot yet learn. That Gentleman hath three of those Pieces. While he and another Lord were contending for the Treasure here, it fell into a riotous Person's Hands, who soon set it going: How much it was I cannot learn. The Stone belonged to some Chimney-work, the Gold was hidden in it perhaps when the Dissolution was near. *Sir,* It will be best to keep this also private, that we may the better use Means for a private Search into those Mines, which I have, I think, a Way to. I hope you do not forget your Promise, to communicate whatever Things you have relating to your *Idea*. I heartily wish you all Happiness, and ever rest,

*S I R,*

*Nov. 11.*  
*1684.*

*Your Humble Servant,*

*A. P.*

*F I N I S.*



T H E  
L I F E  
O F

*Sir William Dugdale.*



**H**E was the only Son of *John Dugdale*, late of *Shustoke*, near *Coles-Hill*, in the County of *Warwick*, Gentleman, by *Elizabeth* his Wife, Daughter of *Arthur Swynfen*, a Younger Son to *William Swynfen* of *Swynfen*, in the County of *Stafford*, Esq; and Born at *Shustoke* the 12th of September, Anno 1605, (the Third Year of King *James I.*)

This *John* being the only Child of *James Dugdale* of *Cletherow*, in the County of *Lancaster*, Gent. (which Name and  
A Family.



Family had been of long continuance in those Parts,) had his chief Education in *St. John's College*, in the University of *Oxford*; where applying himself to the Study of the Civil Law, he took the Degree of Master of Arts; and continuing there for the Space of Fourteen Years, was for some Time Clerk of the Accompts for that College, and Steward of their Courts, in which Employment Mr. *James Whitlocke*, (afterwards a Knight, and One of the Justices of the Court of *King's-Bench*,) succeeded him.

During some Years of his Stay in that College, being Tutor to *William Paulet*, only Son to the Lord *Giles Paulet*, Younger Son to *William*, the First Marquis of *Winchester*, of that Noble Family: Upon his leaving the University, resolving to settle in the Country, he took liking to the Woodland Part of *Warwickshire*, where Mr. *Paulet* had a Fair Estate, and Selling his Lands in *Lancashire*, gave a large Fine to him for a Lease of the Improprate Rectory of *Shustoke* aforesaid for the Term of 60 Years, where finding the House ruinous he built it all anew.

Fixing himself there, and Marrying as aforesaid, he had only Two Children by his said Wife, viz. *Mary*, a Daughter, (who became the Wife of Mr. *Richard Seawall*, Son to Mr. *Henry Seawall*, an Alderman of *Coventry*,) and this *William*, his  
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only Son; who had his First Education in Grammar-Learning under Mr. *Tho. Sibley*, Curate at *Nether-Whitacre*, (near *Shustoke* aforefaid,) until he arrived to the Age of Ten Years, and upwards; afterwards under Mr. *James Cranford*, in the Free-School at *Coventry*, until he was near Fifteen Years of Age; but then returning to his Father, he received further Documents from him, in reading several Law-books, beginning with *Littleton's Tenures*.

His Father being Aged, and very Infirm by a Dead Palsie in his Limbs, thinking fit to see him Match'd in his Life-time, he thereupon Wedded *Margery*, the Second Daughter, to *John Huntbache* of *Seawall*, in the Parish of *Bishbury*, in the County of *Stafford*, Gent. on the 17th Day of *March*, 1622, and 20th Year of King *James*: After which he Tabled with his Wife's Father until his own Father Died, viz. *July 4. Anno 1624*; but soon after went to Housekeeping at *Fillongley*, in the said County of *Warwick*, where he had an Estate formerly Purchased by his said Father.

In *Anno 1625*, (1 *Car. 1.*) he Purchased the Mannor of *Blythe* in the Parish of *Shustoke* aforefaid; and the next ensuing Year, (*scilicet, Anno 1626*,) Sold his Estate in *Fillongley*, and came to reside at *Blythe-Hall*.

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His natural Inclinations being to the Study of Antiquities, he was not a little encourag'd thereto by *Samuel Roper*, Esq; (a *Derbyshire* Gentleman, and Barrister at Law in *Lincoln's-Inn*, ) a Person much esteem'd for his Abilities therein, with whom ( by Reason that he was Cousin-German to Mr. *Richard Seawall*, his Sister's Husband, ) he had first Acquaintance about the Year 1615.

After he thus settled at *Blythe-Hall*, having read the Description of *Leicestershire*, Publish'd by Mr. *William Burton*, of *Lindley*, in that County, ( about Eight Miles distant from *Blythe-Hall*, ) he was introduc'd into his Acquaintance by Mr. *Fisher Dilke*, of *Shustoke*, aforesaid, ( a Kinsman to Mr. *Burton*, ) and by the said Mr. *Burton*, into the Acquaintance of Sir *Simon Archer*, of *Tamworth*, in the said County of *Warwick*, Knight, who being much affected to Antiquities, and having made some Collections out of divers Ancient Writings, did freely communicate to him what he had so gathered, and brought him acquainted with most of the Gentlemen of Note in the County; who being desirous through his Incitation to preserve the Honour of their Families by some such Publick Work, as Mr. *Burton* had done by those in *Leicestershire*, did freely communicate unto him the Sight of their Ancient Evidences, amongst the which he found none more knowing, and forward to encourage



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encourage such a Work, than Sir *Simon Clarke*, of *Brome-Court*, in the Parish of *Salford*; who imparted to him divers Things of Consequence, especially the Leiger-Book of the Priory of *Kenilworth*.

Continuing his Acquaintance and Conversation with the said Mr. *Burton*, as also with Sir *Simon Archer*, (which began about the Year 1630,) Sir *Simon Archer* going to *London* with his Lady in *Easter Term*, Anno 1638, much importun'd the said Mr. *Dugdale* to accompany him in that Journey; whereunto he assenting, Sir *Simon* being acquainted with the Learned Sir *Henry Spelman*, Knight, (a Person Famous for his Knowledge in Antiquities,) and then near Eighty Years of Age, brought Mr. *Dugdale* to him; who receiving him with great Humanity, and finding upon Discourse with him, and the Sight of divers Collections relating to *The Antiquities of Warwickshire*, (which he then shewed him,) that he had made some good Progress in those Studies, told him, That being a Person so well inclin'd to that Learning, and so good a Proficient therein, that he esteem'd him very fit to serve the King in the Office of *Arms*; and that the most Noble *Thomas*, Earl of *Arundel*, then Earl Marshal of *England*, having by Virtue of that Office the Nomination of all such as were admitted into that Society, would think it a good Service to the Publick to prefer such  
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thereunto as were thus naturally qualified, and found Sedulous in those Studies, offering to recommend him the said Mr. *Dugdale* to his Lordship for that Purpose.

Which he did accordingly; whereupon he was introduc'd unto that Honourable Person; first by Sir *George Gresteley*, of *Drakelow*, in the County of *Derby*, Baronet, (who was then in *London*,) and well known to his Lordship during this his Stay there, waiting some time upon Sir *Henry Spelman*; Sir *Henry* told him, that There was a *Yorkshire* Gentleman, one Mr. *Roger Dodsworth*, who had taken much Pains in Search of Records, and other Ancient Memorials, relating to the Antiquities of that Country, but especially as to the Monastery Foundations in the *Northern* Parts of this Realm, which Work he did not a little recommend to the Pains and Care of some industrious and diligent Searchers into Antiquities; affirming, that out of his own great Affection thereto, he had in his younger Years got together the Transcripts of the Foundation Charters of divers Monasteries in *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, (himself being a *Norfolk* Man,) much importuning Mr. *Dugdale* to join with Mr. *Dodsworth* in that Commendable Work, which by the Reason of his Youth, and Inclination to prosecute those Studies, might in Time be brought to some Perfection.

Unto which Proposal Mr. *Dugdale* readily assented, and within few Days after, casually meeting with Mr. *Dodsworth*, at Mr. *Samuel Roper*'s Chamber in *Lincoln's-Inne*, and communicating of what they were in Hand with, as to their farther Progress in those Studies, readily engaged themselves to each other, to endeavour the gaining of what Transcripts they could obtain from any Ancient Leiger-Books, Publick Records, Original Charters, or other Manuscripts of Note, in Order thereto; but still with this Reservation, that Mr. *Dugdale* should not neglect his Collections touching *The Antiquities of Warwickshire*, wherein he had made a considerable Progress.

Being thus in *London*, and desirous to gain Acquaintance with all Persons there, of Note, who stood affected to Antiquities, Mr. *Roper* brought him to Mr. *Henry Lillye*, an Arms-painter in *Little-Britain*, who according to that Measure of Learning he had gained, was not a little vers'd in those Studies, having been imployed by divers Persons of Honour and Quality in Framing their Pedigrees out of Original Evidences, and other Warrantable Authorities.

Hereupon conversing some time with Mr. *Lillye*, he there accidentally met with one Mr. *Richard Gascoigne*, a *Yorkshire* Gentleman, who also stood much affected to those Studies, especially as to Matters of Pedigree, wherein he had taken some Pains for  
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divers Northern Families, who having great Acquaintance with Sir *Christopher Hatton*, of *Kirby*, in the County of *Northampton*, Knight of the *Bath*, (afterwards Created Lord *Hatton*,) a Person highly affected to those Studies, and who had not spared for Cost in gaining fundry Transcripts from Publick Records, Leiger-Books, Ancient Charters, and many Choice MSS, brought Mr. *Dugdale* to that most Worthy Person, by whom he was made Welcome, with all Expressions of Kindness, and Readiness to further him in those his Labours.

In order thereunto Sir *Christopher* made him soon acquainted with Sir *Thomas Fanshawe*, (his near Kinsman,) at that Time the King's Remembrancer in the *Exchequer*, (afterward Lord Viscount *Fanshawe*,) by Means of which great Office he had the Custody of divers Leiger-Books, and other Manuscripts of great Antiquity; specially that notable Record, called the *Red Book*; as also, *Testa de Nevill*, *Kirby's Quest. Nomina Villarum*, and others; to all which by his Favour he had free Access; nor was he less careful to obtain the like Access for him to the Records in the *Tower of London*, through his Interest, with Old Mr. *Collet*, the Chief Clerk, at that Time there under Sir *John Burrough's*, whom he amply rewarded with Sundry Gratuities, for his Kindness and Pains in furthering Mr. *Dugdale*,

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*dale*, as to his Collections from those Rarities there reposed.

During his Stay also at *London*, at that Time, he was by the said Mr. *Samuel Roper* brought into the Acquaintance of Sir *Thomas Cotton*, Baronet, Son to the most Worthy Sir *Robert Cotton*, Founder of that incomparable Library in his House at *Westminster*, of most Rare and Choice Manuscripts, whereby he had also Access thereto, and made such Collections as were of Singular Use to him in several Volumes, which have since been made Publick by the Press.

By the said Mr. *Roper* he was also introduc'd into the Acquaintance of Mr. *Scipio Squire*, then one of the Vice-Chamberlains of the *Exchequer*, through whose Kindness and Favour he had Access to that Venerable Record, called *Doomsday-Book*, as also to the *Fines*, *Plea-Rolls*, and sundry other Things of Antiquity remaining in the Treasury.

Nor was Sir *Christopher Hatton* less zealous in giving him all possible Encouragement in these his Studies : For having seconded Sir *Henry Spelman*, in recommending him to the Earl of *Arundell*, the said Earl sent for him in *Sept.* following, (*Anno 1638.*) and obtained the King's Warrant to create him a Pursivant at Arms extraordinary, by the Name of *Blanch-Lyon*, and thereupon so created him at the King's Royal Palace of *Richmond* in *Surrey*, upon the 24th of that Instant, *September*. Afterwards, upon

the Removal of Mr. *Edward Walker*, *Rouge Croix-purfevant*, to the Office of *Chester Herald*, his Lordship obtain'd his said Majesties Letters Patent for creating him *Rouge-Croix-purfevant* in Ordinary, bearing Date 18th of *March*, 1639.

By which Means having a Lodging in the *Heralds-Office*, as also some Benefit by Funerals, and otherwise, with the Yearly Salary of 20 *l.* out of the King's *Exchequer*, for his Support, he thenceforth spent the greatest Part of his Time in *London*, in order to the augmenting his Collections out of those Records in the *Tower*, and other Places, until by the Influence of a predominant Party in that Parliament, begun at *Westminster* 3d *November*, Anno 1640, which being tainted with Puritanical and Antimonarchical Principles, took away the Life of the most Prudent and Loyal Earl of *Strafford*, Lord-Lieutenant of *Ireland*, and imprison'd the most Reverend Archbishop of *Canterbury*, notwithstanding all Specious Pretences of Loyalty to the King, Maintenance of the Religion by Law Established, and Priviledges of Parliament, he was forced from thence: By their Beginnings it was plainly discerned by the most Judicious Men what afterwards was accomplish'd by the Grand Contrivers in that unhappy Convention, that is to say, the utter Subversion of the Religion by Law Establish'd, and Extirpation of Monar-

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chick Government, whereby no other could be expected than the Profanation of all Places of God's publick Worship, Destruction of Monuments in Churches, and defacing whatsoever was Beautiful and Ornamental therein.

The said Mr. *Dugdale* therefore receiving Encouragement from Sir *Christopher Hatton* beforementioned, then a Member of the House of Commons, (who timely foresaw the near approaching Storm,) in Summer, Anno 1641, having with him one Mr. *William Sedgwick*, (a skilful Arms-painter,) repair'd first to the Cathedral of *St. Paul* in *London*, and next to the *Abbey Church* at *Westminster*, and there made exact Draughts of all the Monuments in each of them, copying the Epitaphs according to the very Letter; as also all Arms in the Windows, or Cut in Stone; and having so done, rode to *Peterborough* in *Northamptonshire*, *Ely*, *Norwich*, *Lincoln*, *Newark upon Trent*, *Beverley*, *Southwell*, *Kingston upon Hull*, *York*, *Selby*, *Chester*, *Litchfield*, *Tamworth*, *Warwick*, and did the like in all those Cathedral, Collegiate, Conventual, and divers other Parochial Churches, wherein any Tombs or Monuments were to be found, to the end that the Memory of them in Case of that Destruction, then Eminent, might be preserved for Future and Better Times; which Draughts are in the Custody of the now

Lord *Hatton*, being trick'd by the said Mr. *Sedgwick*, then Servant to the said Sir *Christopher Hatton*.

And as it was feared, so it soon fell out; all Things, through the Influence of the Predominant Party in the Parliament, tending every Day more and more that Way, inso-much that in *March* following, the King himself, his Queen, and Royal Issue, forc'd by Tumults, countenanc'd by those great Masters of Mischief, were constrain'd to betake themselves for Safety to other Places; that is to say, the King, Prince, and Duke of *York*, unto the City of *York* the 9th of *March*, 1641, and the Queen into *France*.

His Majesty being therefore necessitated thus to continue in those Northern Parts, where many of the Nobility attended him; having also, for his better Security, a special Guard of the most Loyal Gentlemen of that County, by Warrant under his Royal Signet Manual, bearing Date the First of *June*, Anno 1642, commanded the said Mr. *Dugdale* forthwith to repair thither to him, according to the Duty of his Place, who thereupon did so, and continued there till about the midst of *July*, that he received his Majesties Command to wait upon the Earl of *Northampton*, Lord Lieutenant of the County of *Warwick*, into that County where the Earl was, by Virtue of his Majesties Special Commission, under the Great Seal of *England*, to array and arm all Persons

sons Able, and of sufficient Strength, for Preservation of the Peace in this Realm.

In Obedience whereunto he attended the said Earl to the *Borough* of *Warwick*, and divers other Places in that County, where many of the Train'd-Bands, and other Loyal People, came to his Lordship with Horses and Arms accordingly: But the Predominant Party, which then sat at *Westminster*, machinating the Ruin of Monarchy, and advancing themselves into all Places of Power and Profit, most falsely suggesting to the People, That his Majesty had a Design to subvert the Religion by Law Establish'd, and govern'd by an Arbitrary Power, rais'd great Forces throughout all Parts of the Realm, under Colour of defending the same, making Garrisons in fundry Places of Strength; and amongst others, sent many Soldiers with Arms and Ammunition into the Castles of *Banbury* in *Oxfordshire* and *Warwick*, commanded chiefly by *Robert Lord Brooke*, one of their then greatest Confidants, to the no little Affrightment of most People in those Parts.

The Earl of *Northampton* therefore discerning in what Danger the County then was, and advertizing his Majesty thereof, procured his Special Warrant, bearing Date at *York* the 4th of *August*, 1642, directed to the said Mr. *Dugdale*, requiring him forthwith, according to the Duty of his Place, to repair to those Castles of *Banbury* and



and *Warwick*, and to command the said Lord *Brooke*, and his Adherents, to lay down all their Forces, as well Horse as Foot, and to deliver up all their Arms and Ammunition to the Commissioners of *Array*, and such others as by his Majesty were then Authoriz'd for that Purpose; as also to dispose themselves, and return to their respective Homes; and in Case of Refusal, to proclaim them Traitors against the King, his Crown and Dignity.

All which being performed by the said Mr. *Dugdale* in his Coat of Arms, and Trumpets Sounding before him, the Castle of *Banbury*, with all the Arms and Ammunition therein, was delivered up accordingly; but the Castle of *Warwick* being a Fort of far more Strength, and manned by a greater Number of Soldiers, under the Command of Sir *Edward Peto* of *Chesterton*, in that County, Knight, most rebelliously contemn'd that Summons; Sir *Edward Peto* alledging, That he was entrusted with it by the Parliament, and would defend it accordingly. Whereupon he, and all his Adherents there, were proclaim'd Traitors at the Castle Gates by the said Mr. *William Dugdale*, in Pursuance of his said Majesty's Warrant.

That those Rebels were by this Time grown thus Obstinate it was no wonder, having captivated the People with most bold and false Suggestions of his Majesty's Purpose to enslave them by an Arbitrary Power,

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er, pretending what Glorious Asserters they would be of their Liberties; so that in every Part of the Realm they gain'd great Numbers of People, and raised a powerful Army under the Command of *Robert*, then Earl of *Essex*, which being discerned by the King, he forthwith erected his Royal Standard at *Nottingham* upon the 12th of *August*, whereunto very many Worthy Men most Loyally resorted.

Soon after which divers arm'd Forces rebelliously possessing themselves of several other strong Castles and Towns in other Parts of the Realm, amongst which the City of *Coventry* was one of the First, (through the Aid of many Sectaries and Schismatics,) which flock'd in unto them with Arms and Ammunition, especially from that Populous Town of *Birmicham*, relying much upon the Security of that Place by Reason of the Strength of its Walls,) his Majesty, upon Advertisement thereof, march'd up from *York* with some Troops of Horse, commanded by the Lord *Byron*, and coming to *Stonley-House*, (about Four Miles distant from *Coventry*,) by his Special Warrant, bearing Date the 20th of *August*, commanded the said Mr. *Dugdale* to Summon that City, and to require all such Persons as were there in Arms to deliver to such Persons as his Majesty did then Authorize to receive them, and to depart peaceably to their own Homes; but in Case of Refusal to proclaim them  
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Traitors against his said Majesty, his Crown and Dignity. All which, upon their obstinate Refusal to give Obedience thereunto, was accordingly perform'd by the said Mr. *Dugdale*.

During the King's Stay at *Stonley*, finding the City of *Coventry* thus Rebellious, and *Warwick* Castle Garrison'd by the Lord *Brooke*, (as hath been observed,) his Majesty, upon his Return to *Nottingham*, plac'd Two Companies of Foot, and One of Dragoons, in his Castle of *Kenilworth*, (the strongest Fort in all the *Midland* Parts,) situate betwixt *Coventry* and *Warwick*: But within few Days after, having Intelligence that the Power of the Rebels in that County increased, and fearing that those Soldiers, so put into *Kenilworth* Castle, might be distressed by a Siege, he sent Two Troops of Horse, and One of Dragoons, to fetch off those Men, with their Arms and Ammunition; and because he knew that the said Mr. *Dugdale* was well acquainted with the Ways in that County, appointed him to accompany Sir *Richard Willis*, who commanded that Party, as his Guide, purposing to bring them off as privately as might be. To which end they marching from *Mount-Sorell* in *Leicestershire* on the Sunday Morning, came about Ten of the Clock at Night to *Kenilworth*, where, though they made such Haste in getting Carriages for their Ammunition, that they march'd out of  
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that Castle by Seven of the Clock next Morning ; nevertheless, by Intelligence given to the Rebels in *Coventry*, so great a Number of those with Horse and Foot pursu'd them, as that they were constrain'd to make a Stop in *Curdworth-field*, (Two Miles Northward from *Coles-hill*,) and to encounter them ; where they charged those Rebels, (though Five to One in Number) so stoutly, that they put them to the Rout, and took divers of them Prisoners, which they brought that Night to *Tamworth*, and the next Day to *Tutbury* Castle ; the said Mr. *Dugdale* hastening immediately to *Nottingham* to acquaint the King therewith.

These Soldiers being thus got safe to *Tutbury*, join'd with those Forces, which (his Majesty having rais'd at *Nottingham*) were on their March towards *Shrewsbury*, (*viz.* on the 12th of *September*,) unto which Place the said Mr. *Dugdale* gave Attendance on his Majesty ; and thence, after the completing of his Army there, to the Battle of *Kineton*, (commonly called *Edge-Hill* Battle, which happened on the 23d of *October*,) and so to *Oxford* ; thence also to *Reading* and *Brandford*, his Majesty then purposing for *London* ; but finding the Power of the Rebels so much increased by the Citizens Confluence to them from that Populous Place, after some Skirmishes near *Brandford*, (where the King took many Prisoners,) he returned to *Oxford*, and there

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fixed his chief Residence, fortifying it Out-works, for the better Security thereof.

*Oxford* therefore being thus made the chief Garrison, where his Majesties Great Officers, viz. Lord Keeper, Lord Treasurer, &c. and Council of State, kept their Residence, the said Mr. *Dugdale* attending his Majesties Service there, was (with divers others of the King's Servants,) admitted to the Degree of Master of Arts; and having taken Notice of the most remarkable Passages in *Kineton* Battle, (on which he was a Spectator,) to the End that the Relation of all Particulars relating thereto might be the better understood; (accompanied with some Gentlemen of Note, and a Skilful Surveyor, he exactly Surveyed, noting where each Army was drawn up, how and where the Cannon on each Part were placed, as also the particular Graves wherein all the Slain were buried; observing from the Relation of the Neighbouring Inhabitants, the certain Number of Bodies which lay interr'd in every Grave, which in the whole did not amount to full One Thousand, though the general Report of the Vulgar made them no less than Five Thousand.

Whence returning to *Oxford*, and there, by his Majesties Command, continuing until the Surrender of that Garrison to the Rebels the 26th of *June*, 1646, (which wanted

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ed not Four Months of Four Years,) his Estate in the Country being Sequestred by the Rebels all that Time, he there perform'd such Service in attending the Funerals of fundry Noble Persons, and others of great Quality, (some of which were slain in those Wars,) as belong'd to the Duty of his Office; and upon the Death of Sir *John Borrough*, Knight, then Garter, Principal King of Arms, who departed this Life there upon the 21st of *October*, 1643, Sir *Henry St. George*, Knight, then Norroy, King of Arms, being advanc'd to the Office of Garter, and *Edward Walker*, Esq; then *Chester-Herald*, made Norroy, the said Mr. *Dugdale* was by Letters Patents, bearing Date at *Oxford*, aforesaid, the 16th of *April*, Anno 1644, (20 Car. I. Created *Chester-Herald*.

Continuing thus in *Oxford*, he thence took a Journey to *Worcester* in Anno 1644, within which Diocess the Southern Parts of the County of *Warwick* lyeth; where having Perusal of the Registers of the Bishop, as also of the Dean and Chapter, he thence Extracted the like Materials, in order to his Historical Work of *Warwickshire*, (afterwards made Publick by the Press,) as he had done at *Litchfield*, within which Diocess the rest of the said County is, as by his Quotations in that Volume are to be seen.



And having sufficient Leisure during that long Time he continued in *Oxford*, applied himself to the Search of such Antiquities as were to be found in the Famous *Bodleian Library*, as also in the Libraries of such Colleges, and other Hands, as he thought might any Way conduce towards the Furtherance of that Work of the Monastery Foundations, design'd by Mr. *Roger Dodsworth*, and himself; as also of whatsoever might relate to Matter of History, touching the Ancient Nobility of this Realm; in which he found very much for that Purpose, whereof he made great Use in those Volumes *Of the Baronage of England*, since by him Publish'd.

But the Rebels at length prevailing through the Aid of the *Scots*, (who made a Second Invasion hither with a Mighty Army,) whereupon the Garrison of *Oxford* was deliver'd up unto them upon Articles in *June, 1646*, the said Mr. *Dugdale* having the Benefit of those Articles, repair'd shortly after to *London*, and made his Composition at *Goldsmith's-Hall* for the Sum of 168 *l.* After which, having formerly proceeded very far in gathering Materials towards his designed Work of *The Antiquities of Warwickshire*, he went again to *London*, and perfected his Collection from the Publick Records in the *Tower*, wherein he had long before made a large Progress; where hap'ning to meet with Mr. *Dodsworth*, and acquainting him how he had

had bestowed his Time in *Oxford*, and elsewhere, in gaining Materials in order to that Work of Monasteries, Mr. *Dodsworth* imparting the like to him, he found that Mr. *Dodsworth* had transcribed divers Foundation Charters, and other Grants of Consequence, relating chiefly to the *Northern* Monasteries, which he took from the very Originals then remaining in sundry large Chests deposited in *St. Mary's-Tower* at *York*.

After which, waiting on the *Lady Hatton* to *Calais*, in *May 1648*, there to meet with the *Lord Hatton* (her Husband) from *Paris*, he went back with that Lord thither, and making Stay there near Three Months, through the Favour of Mr. *Francis du Chesne*, (Son to the Learned *Andrew du Chesne*, deceased,) the said Mr. *Dugdale* had a View of divers Excellent Collections, taken by the said *Andrew*, relating to sundry Monasteries in *France* and *Normandy*, and other Parts of that Realm: Amongst which finding many Things of Note, touching those Religious Houses in *England*, called *Priories-Aliens*, (which were Cells to certain great Abbies in those Foreign Parts,) he took Copies of them, of which he made good Use in those Volumes, called the *Monasticon Anglicanum*, afterwards published; and then returned into *England*, having Letters of safe Conduct under the Sign Manual, and Signet of the Queen of *England*, (*Henrietta Maria*,)

*Maria*,) bearing Date at *St. Germain's en Lay* upon the 3d of *August*.

This so fair a Collection got together by *Mr. Dodsworth*, considering how much *Mr. Dugdale* had gathered out of sundry Leiger-Books, and other Authentick MSS at *Oxford*, encouraging them to perfect the Work, they then resolved to go to the Records in the *Tower of London*; from which making a thorough Search, they took Copies of all that they deemed most Material for the same. And having so done, *Sir Thomas Cotton* (through the Interest which *Mr. Dugdale* had with him) gave them free Access to his incomparable Library, in his House at *Westminster*, (where a Multitude of Leiger-Books being obtained through the Care and Cost of the Famous *Sir Robert Cotton*, his Father,) were then preserved.

This being accomplish'd, and finding there many Papers of State made up in large Bundles, which were Original Letters, and choice Memorials obtain'd by the said *Sir Robert Cotton* from sundry Hands, some the Transactions betwixt *Cardinal Wolsey*, *Cromwel*, (afterwards *Earl of Essex*,) *Secretary Pager*, *Cecill*, *Lord Burleigh*, *Secretary Walsingham*, and others; relating as well to Foreign as Domestick Affairs, as also the Letters and Papers of *Mary Queen of Scotland*, *John Duke of Norfolk*, and several Eminent Persons in those Times, the said



said Mr. *Dugdale* sort'd them all, both as to Time and otherwise, and caus'd them to be bound up with Clasps, with the Arms of Sir *Thomas Cotton* on each Side of every Book; all which amounted to about Four-score Volumes, by which Means they are now made useful to all Lovers of Historical Learning.

The Collections for the Two Volumes of the *Monasticon* being thus compleated, and the Publishing of them by the Press much desired, an Offer was made to several Booksellers of the Copy, on such indifferent Terms as might have defray'd the Charge of those Transcripts, so made from Records and otherwise, as hath been observed: But the Booksellers declining to adventure thereon, the said Mr. *Dodsworth* and Mr. *Dugdale* joining together, hired large Sums of Money to do it themselves; the Care and Oversight of which Work, as to the Printing Part, lay totally on Mr. *Dugdale*, by Reason that Mr. *Dodsworth* departed this Life in *Lancashire* about the Middle of August, Anno 1654, before the Tenth Part of the first Volume was dispatch'd at the Press.

Here it will not (I presume) be amiss to take Notice, that whereas since his Majesties happy Restoration some Persons of Note, who were in great Place and Power in the Time of the late Usurpation, and as yet are no small Countenancers of those Separatists,

Separatists, which are again busily endeavouring the Ruin of Monarchy, to blast and vilifie this Work of the *Monasticons*, have maliciously given out, that the Design of making it Publick by the Press, was purposely to discover the Lands sometime belonging to the Religious Houses in this Realm, to the Intent, that upon restoring the *Romish* Religion, which they would have it believed is much feigned, they might return to their former Superstitious Uses. I shall therefore here make a brief Digression, clearly to manifest the Falseness and Absurdity of that Suggestion by Three irrefragable Instances.

The first is, that a chief Promoter of the Work was the late Lord *Fairfax*, the Parliament's General, in their Bloody Wars against the King, (whom none of that Party did ever suspect to be Popishly affected,) allowing Mr. *Roger Dodsworth* 40 l. per Annum during his Life for his Support therein, as is very well known; and that Mr. *John Rushworth*, (then his Secretary,) through the Influence he at that Time had upon those who kept the Records in the Tower of London, procured for the said Mr. *Dodsworth* and Mr. *Dugdale* free Access unto them, with Liberty to make Transcripts of whatsoever did relate to this Collection, without Payment of any Fees.

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Next, that the Substance of these Collections, is the Foundation of *Charters* of what the *Monasteries* had upon their first Erection, the Donation *Charters* in After-times, being purposely omitted, which are so numerous, that Twenty such Volumes would not contain them. Lastly, that had those Persons, who seem to fear the restoring of the *Romish* Religion, (and consequently a Return of those Monastery Lands to the Support of such Votaries, who may betake themselves to a Monastick Life,) a real Sense thereof the proper Course to prevent a Discovery of them, would be to destroy all such Publick Records and Memorials as set them forth at large, is that general Survey in 26 *Hen.VIII.* in the First-fruits Office. So likewise those other Surveys, which upon the Act of Dissolution, in 31 *Hen.VIII.* were brought into the Augmentation Court; as also all the Enrolments of those Grants as have since been made from the Crown for passing them to private Hands; but I return.

Which first Volume being finished and made publick in *Anno* 1655, a stop was for some Years made of Printing the other, until the greatest Part of that was sold off, whereby Money might be had to proceed therewith. Mr. *Dugdale* therefore having with no small Pains and Charge compleated his Collections, in order to his design'd Historical Work, touching *The Antiquities of*



*Warwickshire*, was at the whole Charge of Printing and Paper for publishing thereof; and lying in *London*, in order to the correcting the Press himself, for near one Year and a half, (the ordinary Correctors being not Skill'd in the Pedigrees,) at length, scilt. in *Anno* 1656, he exposed it to Sale.

In which Time of his Residence in *London*, meeting casually with Mr. *John Reading*, a *Nottinghamshire* Gentleman, who having formerly been Clerk of the *Nisi Prius* for the Midland Circuit, (and with whom before the Rebellion he had been acquainted,) he Friendly invited Mr. *Dugdale* to his House at *Scrivener's-Hall*, (near *Silver-street*,) with Promise to shew him some Old Manuscript Books, Original Charters, and other Ancient Writings, who coming thither accordingly, he brought forth Five Ancient Manuscript Books in *Folio*, which were Leiger-Books of the Lands Anciently given to the Cathedral of *St. Paul* in *London*, and freely lent them to him until the next ensuing *Michaelmas* Term, then intimating that he should have the Use of many more upon his next Return to *London*.

But in *Michaelmas* Term, when Mr. *Dugdale* came to restore those Books so lent, he found that Mr. *Reading* was dead, and had Constituted one Mr. *Williams*, (a Barrister at Law of the *Temple*,) his Executor.

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Addressing himself therefore to the said Mr. *Williams*, and desiring a Sight of the rest, he very civilly brought him to *Scriveners-Hall*, and there shewing him many other Old Manuscript Books, Original Charters, and very Ancient Writings in Bags and Hampers, all relating to that great Cathedral, he freely lent them to him, to carry to his own Lodging, they amounting to no less than Ten Porters Burdens. Having them therefore thus in his private Custody, and bestowing Pains to sort them into Order, he made Extracts from them, of what he found Historical in Reference to that Church.

And to the End the Memory of those Noble and Ancient Monuments might be preserved, (which were afterwards destroy'd, the Church being made an Horse-Garrison by the late Rebellious Usurpers,) did by the Help and Favour of sundry worthy Persons, who voluntarily offer'd to be at the Charge of those Plates, in which the Representations of them were cut in Brass, as also the lively Prospects of the whole Fabrick, (Inside and Outside,) accomplish the same; and having succinctly framed an Historical Narrative of the Foundation and Endowment thereof, likewise of all the Chantries, and what else was most Memorable therein, or relating thereto, made it Publick by the Press in *Anno 1658*.

But as the darkeſt Night hath its Morning, ſo it did pleaſe Almighty God at laſt to put an End to the Tyranny of thoſe late Grand Uſurpers, by the miraculous Reſtoration of our preſent Sovereign King *Charles* the Second, in the Year 1660, which was about Twelve Years after the moſt Execrable Murther of his Royal Father of Bleſſed Memory.

So ſoon therefore as thoſe who were of greateſt Truſt with our preſent Sovereign, then beyond Sea, did, by their Intelligence from hence, diſcern in what Diſtraction thoſe Uſurpers then were, and how that all People were weary of their Oppreſſions, ſo that the Time of his moſt happy Return drew nigh, to prevent the Importunity of others, who aim'd at the Office of *Norroy*, King of Arms, which was then void by the Removal of Sir *Edward Walker* unto the Office of Garter, Sir *Edward Hyde*, Knight, then Lord Chancellor, (afterwards Earl of *Clarendon*, having ſeen the Book of *Warwickſhire Antiquities*, and the firſt Volume of *The Monaſticon Anglicanum*, whiſt he was with the King in Foreign Parts, moving his Majeſty on Behalf of the ſaid Mr. *Dugdale* for that Place and Office of *Norroy*, readily obtain'd it, with a Special Warrant under the Royal Signet to prepare a Patent under the Great Seal for the ſame; which paſſed accordingly, bearing Date (after his ſaid Majeſties happy Return)



Return,) upon the 18th Day of *June*, in the 12th Year of his Reign, (*Anno, scilt.* 1660, the Second Volume of the *Monasticon* being then in the Press, and published the next Year following, viz. *Anno* 1661.

Soon after which, *scilt.* in *Anno* 1662, came out of the Press his Historical Work of *Imbanking and Draining the Fenns and Marshes of this Kingdom*, (adorned with fundry exact Maps of the Parts and Places so drained) deduced from Publick Records, and Ancient *Manuscripts*, at the Instance of the Lord Gorges, Sir *John Marsham*, Baronet, and others who were Adventurers in that Costly and Laudable Work, for draining the great Level, which extends itself into a considerable Part of the Counties of *Cambridge, Huntingdon, Northampton, Norfolk, and Suffolk*.

After which having, in his many Years Labour in Search of Records for those his Works already published, taken Notes of the Lord Chancellors of *England*, Lord Treasurers, Masters of the Rolls, Judges of all the Courts in *Westminster-Hall*, Kings Attorneys and Sollicitors, and Serjeants at Law, likewise of the Antiquities of our Laws, Courts of Justice, as also of the Inns of Court and Chancery for Students in that Excellent Profession, he Compil'd that Historical Work, intituled, *Origines Juridiciales*, (adorned with exact Cuts in Copper Plates of the Arms in the Windows of  
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all the Inns of Court, and Serjeants Inns,) which was made Publick by the Press in *Anno* 1666.

And having been much importun'd by the late Archbishop of *Canterbury*, (Dr. *Sheldon*,) and the then Lord Chancellor, (Earl of *Clarendon*,) to perfect that Collection, begun by the Learned Sir *Henry Spelman*, Knight, of his intended Second Volume of *The Provincial Councils here in England*, making diligent Search for such Materials as might be found in the Famous *Cottonian Library*, or otherwise, did make Transcripts thereof, and fitted them for the Press, the whole Volume amounting to full Two Hundred Sheets in *Folio*; all whereof, except Fifty and Seven, were totally of his, the said Mr. *Dugdale's*, Collection.

So likewise for the whole Glossary of that Learned Knight, whereof the *Manuscript Copy* (written by Sir *Henry's* own Hand) was not at all ordered for the Press, much of it being loosely written, and with Observations, and with sundry Bills of Paper pinn'd thereto, which he took Pains to dispose of into proper Order, transcribing many of those loose Papers, marking what was proper to difference the Character, and so brought it to the Press: Both which Works were also published in the same Year, 1666, without any Alteration from Sir *Henry's Copy*, as by some hath been ignorantly surmised.

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Having likewise in this Course of his Collections made at *Oxford*, in the Time of the Rebellion, extracted from sundry *Manuscripts*, divers Notes relating to the Ancient Nobility of this Realm; and not being ignorant that those Volumes of the *Monasticon* would yield a multitude of good Materials, in order to an Historical Work of the *Baronage*, he thought fit to go again to the *Tower*, *Exchequer*, and Office of Rolls in *Chancery-Lane*, as also the Archbishop's Principal Register, and Registers of the Prerogative Court of *Canterbury*, for Wills and Testaments, Dispensations for Marriages, &c. whence, and from many Choice *Manuscripts* in private Hands, Monumental Inscriptions, and other Authorities, (which, after a great Part of Thirty Years Labour he had been gathering,) at length he compiled that large Work in Two Volumes, *Fol.* Intituled, *The Baronage of England*.

In making of which Collections he omitted nothing of Consequence which related to the Foundation and Endowment of the Cathedral and Collegiate Churches of *England* and *Wales*, consisting of Secular Canons, nor what he could else observe concerning the *Monasteries*, to the end that they might be made use of as Additaments to those Volumes. And in the Year 1673 publish'd all those Additaments, together with what he had so collected for those Cathedrals, and Collegiate Churches, before specified :



specified: But those Volumes of the *Baronage* hanging long at the Press, came not out till the Years 1675 and 1676.

Towards the End of which last mentioned Year, (*scilt.* 1676,) 20th *February*, Sir *Edward Walker*, Garter Principal King of Arms, departed this Life, the said Mr. *Dugdale* being then at his House in *Warwickshire*, whereupon much Dispute grew betwixt the Right Honourable *Henry*, then Earl of *Norwich*, (afterwards Duke of *Norfolk*,) as Earl-Marshal of *England*, and the King, touching the Nomination of the Person unto whom his Majesty should, by his Letters Patents, grant that Office; the Chancellor of the Garter, on the King's Behalf, strenuously insisting upon his Majesty's Right to nominate, by Reason that the said Office of Garter was an Employment chiefly relating to that Honourable Order, for attending at all Installations, and Festivals, and performing other Services unto the Sovereign, and Knights Companions thereof.

The Earl, on his Part, as Earl-Marshal, and chief Super-intendant of the Office, and Office of Arms, alledging the Usage of his Predecessors in that Honourable Office of Earl-Marshal, to recommend and nominate to the King, upon the Death or Vacancy of any King of Arms, Herald or Pursevant, such Person and Persons to supply the

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Place as he should think most fit for that Service.

In which Contest, one Sir *William Howard*, Knight, (a Person very well qualified with Learning in all Points of Honour and Arms,) having obtained the Favour of divers Noblemen to move the King on his Behalf, his Majesty inclined much to him; and the Earl of *Norwich* (on the other Part) accounting it a Derogation to his Office of Earl-Marshal to be refus'd the like Priviledge as his Predecessors therein had been permitted to enjoy; for which he produced some late Precedents, but acknowledging that he had nothing to do as to any Super-intendency over him as an Officer of the Garter; nevertheless, that as Garter is Principal King of Arms, he is Subordinate to his Authority: The King at length asking him whom he had a Desire to recommend? He presently named Mr. *Dugdale*, whereupon his Majesty immediately replied, *Nay, then I am content.*

Whereupon the Earl-Marshal caus'd his Secretary to advertise Mr. *Dugdale* thereof by the Post that Night, (he being then in *Warwickshire*,) and earnestly to press his speedy coming up to *London*.

Which News not a little surprizing him, being so far from any Thoughts thereof, that upon some Letters from certain Honourable Persons, upon the Death of Sir *Edward Walker*, earnestly importuning his  
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speedy Repair to *London*, in order to his obtaining that Office, (which, as he was the next King of Arms, to whom it properly belong'd, and the most Ancient Officer in the Colledge of Arms, then living, by above Twenty Years than any other, none could pretend to so fair a Claim,) he excused himself in Respect of his Age.

But after serious Consideration what to resolve on therein, having a far greater Desire to wave it than otherwise, he grew doubtful whether it might not be ill taken by the King, that his Majesty so freely assenting to the Earl-Marshall's Recommendation of him, he should refuse what was thus intended him as a Favour: And fearing also the Earl-Marshall's Displeasure, in Case he should not comply with him therein; at length concluding with himself, that it was by God Almighty's Disposal thus cast upon him, (whose Great and Wonderful Providence extendeth to the very least of all Humane Actions,) he resolved to accept it, and within few Days after rode up to *London* accordingly, being there welcomed by the Earl-Marshall with very Noble Expressions for thus complying with him therein.

Whereupon he passed his Patent under the Great Seal for that Office of Garter upon the 26th of *April*, Anno 1677, and afterwards, *scilicet*, on *Thursday*, being the 24th of *May*, (*Ascension-Day*,) was solemnly created into that Office at the Colledge of



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of Arms by the Earl of *Peterborough*, who then exercised the Office of Earl-Marshal as Deputy to the Earl of *Norwich*, by Virtue of his Majesty's immediate Warrant for that Purpose, and the Day following, (*viz. Friday, the 25th of May,*) being brought before the King in the Old Bed-Chamber at *White-Hall* by the said Earl-Marshal, received the Honour of Knighthood, (much against his Will by Reason of his small Estate,) at which Time his Majesty put the Badge of the Order, hung in a Chain of Gold, (usually worn by Garter, King of Arms,) about his Neck.

After which, upon the First Day of *June* next ensuing, in a Solemn Chapter held by the Sovereign, and divers Knights, Companions in the *Red-Room* at *White-Hall*, he took his Oath as Garter, kneeling by the King, which was administered to him by *Seth*, Bishop of *Salisbury*, as Chancellor of that most Noble Order.

As to the Exercise of his Office of *Norroy*, when he was Provincial King of Arms for the Northern Parts of this Realm, the Books of his Visitations of the several Counties of *Derby*, *Nottingham*, *Stafford*, *Chester*, *Lancaster*, *Yorkshire*, Bishoprick of *Durham*, *Northumberland*, *Cumberland*, *Westmorland*, under his Charge, remaining in the Office of Arms, will sufficiently manifest his Care and Diligence therein, by taking exact Notice of all Collaterals, *viz. Uncles,*

Aunts, Brothers and Sisters, in the Descents by him entred.

Likewise in publickly disclaiming such as took upon them the Titles of Esq; or Gentlemen, without just Right, and faithfully registering the Arms of all such as could manifest any justifiable Right thereto.

Also in defacing such Tablets of Arms as he found in any Churches, or other Publick Places, as were Fictitious; and pulling down several Atchievements irregularly, and against the Law of Arms hung up in any Churches or Chapels within the Precincts of his Province; the Particulars whereof are fully express'd in that large Book in the Office of Arms, covered with Russet Leather, call'd, *The Earl-Marshal's Book*, which containeth sundry Orders of the Earl-Marshal of *England*, and Lord Commissioners for the Exercise of that Office, with other Memorials of Note.

And farther, to vindicate the just Rights of his said Office; commenc'd a Suit at the Common Law against one *Randal Holme*, a Painter in the City of *Chester*, who had boldly taken upon him to invade his Office of *Norroy*, by preparing Atchievements for the Funeral of *Sir Ralph Ashton* of *Middleton*, in the County of *Lancaster*, Knight, and given Direction for a Funeral Proceeding at the Solemnity thereof; whereupon he had a Verdict against him, the said *Holme*, at the General Assizes held at *Stafford* in  
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March, Anno 1667, recovering good Damages, and Costs of Suit.

Divers Atchievements also set up in sundry Churches within his said Province of Norroy, contrary to the Law of Arms, by the said *Helme* the Painter, he pulled down and defaced, viz. in the City of *Chester*, at *Budworth*, *Nether-Pever*, *Hooton* in *Wirrall*, (all in *Cheshire*,) *Biddulph* in *Staffordshire*; as also at *Chirke* in *North-Wales*; and likewise defaced many Fictitious Arms which he found engraved on Tomb-stones at *Newcastle upon Tyne*, in *Northumberland*, of all which Particulars Mention is made in the said Register-Book, called, *The Earl-Marshal's Book*.

The Printed Books, by him given to the *Herald's-Office*, are these, viz. (1.) The Antiquities of *Warwickshire* Illustrated. (2.) The *Monasticon Anglicanum* in Three Volumes. (3.) The History of *St. Paul's Cathedral*. (4.) The History of Imbanking and Draining the Fens. (5.) His Book, Intituled, *Origines Juridiciales*. (6.) His Two Volumes of *The Baronage of England*.

Of Manuscripts these, one large Volume of the Arms and Monuments in the Cathedral of *York*, and divers other Churches in that County, lively prick'd with a Pen, (by Mr. *Gregory King*, then his Clerk, since *Rouge Dragon Purservant of Arms*,) and the Epitaphs transcribed according to the very Letter of each, all Bound in Russet Leather.

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Another *Manuscript* Book, containing a Transcript of Three Old Visitations, which are not in the *Herald's-Office*, viz. of *Lancashire*, in King *Henry* the VIII's Time; *Staffordshire*, in Queen *Elizabeth's* Time; and *Northumberland*, in the Time of King *James*, Bound also in Russet Leather.

Another *Manuscript* Book, covered with Vellum, and now marked L. 12. containing divers Arms in Colours of Foreign Kings and Princes, *British* Kings, Ancient *English* Nobility, with their Crests, Supporters and Badges; as also Arms of the *Scottish* and *Irish* Nobility, the Arms of the *Herald's-Office*, and of the Three Kings of Arms, Badges of divers Noblemen, with several other Things of Note, and Pedigrees of divers Noble Families.

By the Procurement also of the said Mr. *Dugdale* were those *Manuscript* Books, containing Copies and Extracts from divers publick Records, given to the *Herald's-Office* by *Thomas Povey*, Esq; now one of the Masters of the Requests.

So likewise were all those *Manuscript* Books, and Printed Books relating to History and Genealogy, which were likewise bestowed on the said Office by the now Duke of *Norfolk* in *Anno* 1678.

The said Mr. *Dugdale* was also the chief Promoter of the *Saxon Dictionary*, Compiled by Mr. *William Somner*, late of the City of *Canterbury*, deceased, and Printed at Oxford

ford in *Anno* 1659, unto whom, in order to his accomplishing that Elaborate Work, he contributed a large Alphabetical Collection of *Saxon* Words made by himself; which Collection is amongst his own *Manuscript* Books; some Acknowledgment whereof Mr. *Sommer* hath made under the Word SIPEROCA.

After all this it must not be forgotten, that the said Mr. *Dugdale*, having taken special Notice of the Rise, Growth, and Fatal Issue of the late Horrid Rebellion, begun by the *Scots* in *Anno* 1639, and afterwards prosecuted by the *English*, through the Influence of a Malevolent Party in the late Long Parliament of King *Charles* the First, which began at *Westminster* 3d *November*, 1640, of which he did compose a Succinct History in *Folio*, extending the same unto the Happy Restoration of our present Sovereign King *Charles* the Second, *Anno*, *scilt.* 1660, which he did never design to be made Publick by the Press whilst he lived, was, at the Importunity of some Honourable Persons, (who thought the publishing of it sooner very seasonable,) prevailed with him to print it at *Oxford* in *Anno* 1681.

Since which, *scilicet*, in *Anno* 1682, he hath also published a Brief Discourse in *Octavo*, Intituled, *The Ancient Usage in bearing of Arms*, printed likewise at *Oxford*; unto which he hath annexed a Catalogue of the *English* Nobility and Bishops; as also  
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of the Baronets from the first Rise of that Dignity, in 9 *Jacobi Regis*, to that present Year.

Besides these already Published, he had made ready for the Press Choice Collections from our Publick Records of all Summons to Parliament of the Nobility, beginning with that in 49 *Hen. III.* and extending to that began at Oxford, 21 *Martii*, 1680, and made Publick by the Press in *Anno* 1685.

Also a short Historical Account of such Marks and Ensigns of Honour as are commonly called Arms, shewing their Original, True Use, and the Ancient Practice in bearing them. Whereunto are added certain brief Observations touching the Antiquity of Heralds, their Employments, Rights, Priviledges and Succession, deduced from sundry Authentick Memorials, and other Authorities.

Besides his Historical Discourse of the Ancient Family of *Hastings*, Earls of *Huntingdon*, already published in the first Volume of the Baronage of *England*, he composed a far more large History of that Honourable Family, from the Authority of publick Records, and a multitude of Charters and Evidences in the Custody of *Theophilus*, now Earl of *Huntingdon*.

The like for the Family of *Maners*, Earl of *Rutland*; as also of the Antient Lords of the Honour of *Belvoir*, (their principal Seat;) so likewise of the *Vernons*, and other  
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more Ancient Lords of that great Mannor of *Haddon*, in the Peak of *Derbyshire*, the present Inheritance of *John Earl of Rutland*; but the Papers are not yet deliver'd to them.

Unto 60 Fair Volumes of Elaborate Collections from Records, by the late Learned and Industrious Antiquary, Sir *Jo. Kniveton*, (now in the Custody of *Christopher, Lord Hatton*,) he made perfect Indexes, referring the Names of all Persons and Places to the respective Countries; all which are in number 26, thin Folio's, cover'd with Blue Paper, besides those to *Leland's Itinerary & Collectanea*.

To the several Volumes of most of our Ancient *English* Historiographers which are publish'd in Print, viz. *Mathew Paris*, *Mathew Westminster*, *Roger Hoveden*, *Henry Huntendon*, *Ethelward*, and *Ingulphus*, together with *Thomas of Walsingham*, he hath made certain Indexes for his own Use.

He also compos'd divers Genealogick Tables of the Kings and Ancient Nobility of this Realm, extracted from our Old Historiographers, quoting the particular Folio's for Proof: The like of the King and Principal Nobility of *Scotland*, all bound up in One Volume of Russet Leather.

The like also of the other Kings of *Christendom*, and great Families of *Germany*,  
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extracted from their best Historiographers and Genealogists.

His Collections of Materials from the Records in the Tower of London, the Rolls of Chancery-Lane, the Treasury of the Exchequer, the King's Remembrancer's Office, and other Places; as also from Leiger-Books and Ancient Manuscripts in the Famous Cottonian and Bodleian Libraries; likewise from a Multitude of Original Charters, of which he did make Use in Compiling his Historical Work of *Warwickshire Antiquities*, and the Baronage of England, all gathered and written with his own Hand, and are in Number no less than Twenty-seven Volumes in Folio; all which, to be preserved for Posterity, he hath given by his last Will and Testament to the University of Oxford, to be kept, as also Sixteen others, (some written also with his own Hand,) in a Press made purposely for them in that new Building, called *Museum Ashmoleanum*, near to the Famous Theatre lately there Erected.

At length this most Industrious Person contracting a great Cold at *Blythe-Hall*, by attending too much his Worldly Concerns, died thereof in his Chair, about One of the Clock in the Afternoon of the 10th Day of February, (*S. Scholastica's Day*,) Anno 1685, whereupon his Body being conveyed to the Parochial Church of *Shustoke*, was on the 12th of the same Month Deposited in a Stone

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Stone Coffin, in a little Vault, which he before had caused to be made under the *North* Side of the Chancel. It was laid near another Stone-Coffin in the said Vault, containing the Remains of his then late Wife, to whom he had been Married almost Fifty-nine Years.

Over the said Vault is a large and strong Tomb of Free-Stone, in Form of an Altar, with his Arms impaling his Wife's, carved on the Side thereof; and above it, in the Wall, is fixed a Tablet of White-Marble, bordered with the like Free-Stone, well wrought with fair Mouldings; on which is the following Inscription, *viz.*

At the West End of the before-mentioned Tomb this Memorial of his Wife's Death is Given.

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Wm. Dugdale Esq. Jun.  
Obit 18 Dec. 1681.

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Willielmi Dugdale Equitis Aurati

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Qui, per omnes Curie Heraldicae gradus ascendens

In principalem regem Armorum Angliarum

Titulo Garter

Tandem erectus est.

Uxorem Margeriam Job. Hambach de Seawall

In Com. Staff. filiam

Duxit:

Equid filios plures, ab hac luce in tenera etate sublato.

Johannem vero Superstitem

Filasq; diversas

Suscepit

Diem obiit Decimanæ Februarij Anno MDCLXXXVI.

At the West End of the before-specified  
Tomb this Memorial of his Wife's Death  
is Graven.

Margeria Uxor

Will. Dugdale Equ. Aur.

Obiit 18 Dec. 1681.

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